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TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. #1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.														
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Startling Detective Magazine for September, 1935, which contains photograph Myrtle Eaton, Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis, released on or about 7/25/35. Master Detective Story Magazine for March, 1935, containing photographs of Bill Weaver and story about his implication this case, released about 2/15/35. Telephone tap on telephone Edith Barry, Toledo, Ohio, discontinued 10/17/35. Belle Bom, visited a sister, Mrs. John J. Vioski, Waukegan, Ill., from 10/15/35 to 10/21/35; surveillance maintained at Waukegan and en route to St. Paul, Minn., with no results. Jack Liberty, confidential informant, Chicago Office sentenced one year to life, Chicago Criminal Court for armed robbery, on 10/4/35. Mike Moreno, alleged contact, members this gang, sentenced by Chicago Criminal Court one year to life, on charge armed robbery on 9/12/35. Betty Tracey, former fiancée Dr. Moran, advises she last heard from Dr. Moran via telephone call either last Thursday or Friday in April, 1934, when he informed her he intended visiting a sister at Spring Valley, Ill. Jean and Babe Delaney, sisters of Dolores Delaney, residing 4554 Malden St., Chicago. Kate Meade, wife of William Elmer Meade left Chicago address 1533 Fargo Avenue on 10/11/35 for unknown destination. [redacted] received typewritten letter from Edith Barry, Toledo, Ohio, on 10/11/35, advising "I have not heard anything yet -- when I do though, I'll get in touch with you." [redacted] advises Ruth Potts, former nurse, now residing Sarasota, Florida, might know Karpis; advises the Mrs. Meade now in [redacted]</p>																	
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Sarasota, Florida, friend of Ruth Potts, is probably not Mrs. William Elmer Meade. Parents, subject Karpis, have recently made expenditures and living in manner inconsistent with income. Tap placed on Karpavicz' telephone and surveillance Karpavicz' apartment commenced 10/26/35. No results to date; telephone conversations in Lithuanian. Marie Borley, alias Hanson, nee Cathright, reported to be again employed as cook, Angus Brothers' new Casino Club, Toledo, Ohio.

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REFERENCE:

Reports of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Ill., dated 10/17/35 and 10/16/35; report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, St. Paul, Minn., dated 9/7/35; report of Special Agent F. F. Yearaley, Jacksonville, Florida, dated 10/19/35; report of Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, St. Louis, Missouri, dated 10/21/35; report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 7/5/35.

DETAILS:

In connection with the statements made by Myrtle Eaton, as contained on Pages 9 and 10 of the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated September 7, 1935, that she had seen Bill Weaver's photograph in a line-up in a Master Detective Story magazine, Special Agent D. P. Sullivan made inquiries of several news dealers at Chicago, and obtained a copy of the March issue of the Master Detective magazine, which contained a photograph of William Weaver in the line-up, indicating that he was wanted for kidnaping by this Bureau. Agent Sullivan likewise ascertained that the Master Detective magazine is placed on sale to the public between the 10th and the 15th day of the month preceding the month for which the magazine is issued. The March issue of this magazine would, therefore, have been placed on sale to the public sometime between February 10 and February 15, 1935.

In connection with a statement that she had likewise read the article bearing on the Bremer kidnaping case in a detective magazine, which she believed to be the Startling Detective magazine, and which article contained photographs of Volney Davis, herself, and Alvin Karpis, dressed in women's clothing, it was ascertained from the Publishers News Company, 245 East Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, local distributors for this magazine, that the above article was in the September issue of the Startling Detective magazine, for the present year, and that this magazine was released in Chicago on July 25, 1935; that it is the custom to release the Startling Detective magazine throughout the country at approximately the same date. It is to be noted that this article contains a photograph of Alvin Karpis, dressed in women's clothing, a photograph of Volney Davis and Myrtle Eaton, and supposedly a history of the criminal activities of Alvin Karpis, especially his connection with other members of the gang in the perpetration of the Bremer kidnaping and subsequent activities, as brought out in the trial of Arthur R. Barker and others at St. Paul, Minnesota, on kidnaping charges in the spring of this year.

The following information covering activities of BELLE BORN and developments in this case was dictated by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, representing period October 15 to 22, 1935:

On October 15, 1935 Special Agent in Charge V. W. Peterson, Milwaukee, Wisconsin telephoned and advised that Acting Special Agent in Charge Stein, St. Paul, Minnesota had advised that Belle Born would arrive in Milwaukee on that day on the train known as "the Four Hundred", Chicago and Northwestern Railway; that she was being followed by Agents Suran and Kirkland; that he (Peterson) and Agent Melvin would meet the train; that Melvin would come into Chicago or would follow her in whatever direction she went after arrival at Milwaukee.

Belle Born arrived at Milwaukee and thereafter took a local train to Waukegan, Illinois at which place she was followed by Agents Suran, Kirkland and Melvin. On the evening of that day Agent Melvin returned to Milwaukee and a surveillance was thereafter maintained of Belle Born at Waukegan, Illinois by Agents Sullivan, Madala, Suran and Kirkland, as will be covered in report of their activities. It was not possible to cover the definite train on which she left out of Milwaukee, and the information was telephoned to this office at 9.25 P.M. by Agent Suran from Racine, that they were then headed for Waukegan, and arrangements were made for Agents of the Chicago office to meet them at Waukegan in an automobile in order to continue the surveillance. On arrival at Waukegan Belle Born proceeded by taxi cab to 124 South Martin Street where she remained until her departure.

On October 21, 1935 Belle Born left Waukegan at 12.02 P.M. on the North Shore line and proceeded to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where she then proceeded to the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad station and purchased a ticket from Milwaukee to St. Paul, and indicated her intention of leaving on the Hiawatha at 2.17 P.M. it being noted that apparently this woman at that time had in her possession a round trip ticket on the Chicago Northwestern which she used in proceeding to Milwaukee. She left Milwaukee at 2.17 P.M. on this date, followed by Agents Sullivan and Madala, who were relieved at St. Paul by Agents of the St. Paul office at 7.30 P.M. who thereafter continued the surveillance of this individual at St. Paul.

On October 17, 1935 telephone tap on the place of Edith Barry, 524 Southard Avenue, Toledo, Ohio was discontinued, inasmuch as nothing had developed indicating that there would be anything obtained through a cover of this telephone, this woman having indicated that she was very much afraid somebody would hear anything she would say over the telephone, it being apparent that subsequent developments will be through this woman contacting our informant at Chicago as to when and where he shall contact her and the subjects

Karpis and Campbell for the operation which is planned by them. In view of this situation Agents Barber, McKee and Devereux returned to Chicago and Agent Muzzey returned to Detroit. Special Agent C. E. Smith of the Cleveland office returned to Cleveland, where he will be engaged in a careful and discreet check of the individuals indicated by telephone calls made from the telephone of Edith Barry to Cleveland, Ohio, in order to determine whether or not these may be contacts of Karpis and Campbell. Also in this connection Agent Smith will from time to time, approximately once each week, maintain definite contact with our informants at Toledo, Ohio, particularly confidential informant [redacted] in order that he may be promoted in the idea of obtaining information discreetly through [redacted]

On October 16, 1935 the newspapers at Chicago made inquiry as to a release of a story at Washington as to the finding of the body of WILLIAM J. HARRISON. In telephone conversation by Special Agent in Charge Connelley with Mr. Nathan of the Bureau on this date, it was verified that upon inquiry of the newspapers it was confirmed that the body found was believed to be that of William Harrison, and that the Bureau was taking the position that it was the body of Harrison; that however, we were not to comment as to the facts in this matter, other than should the Sheriff or Prosecuting Attorney at Wheaton, Illinois make inquiry as to this we were to advise them that the watch in question had been identified as apparently that of William Harrison. Later on the same day, October 16, 1935, the Sheriff at Wheaton called the Chicago office and made inquiry as to this and indicated that the newspapers had been trying to get in touch with him for a statement. However he indicated he was not going to discuss the matter with them. It is noted nevertheless, in subsequent news articles at Chicago that the prosecuting attorney made a statement to the effect that he believed that William J. Harrison had been killed by other members of the gang in order to silence him, although of course the prosecuting attorney had no information which would verify that this was the case, and in fact he had no suspicion or idea that this was Harrison until the newspapers stories appeared. In view of the apparent attitude of the local authorities, particularly the prosecuting attorney, we will avoid any further discussion with him as to this, unless they make specific request for information, whereupon the desirability of furnishing same to them will be very carefully considered.

On the evening of October 15, 1935, upon instructions of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Special Agents R. D. Brown, J. L. Madala, and the writer D. P. Sullivan, proceeded to Waukegan, Illinois where they contacted Special Agents R. C. Suran, T. G. Melvin, and Kirkland, who advised that Belle Born had just arrived in Waukegan from St. Paul, Minnesota and had taken a taxi to 124 South Martin Street, which is a private residence. On the following morning the writer interviewed E. J. Quedenfeld, carrier who delivers mail to the Martin Street address. He advised that every few months Belle Born visits at the above address for a week or more; that the above address is occupied by John J. Vioski, his wife, and four small children; that Vioski is employed as a lineman for the Illinois Bell Telephone Company; that while she is staying with the Vioski family, Belle Born receives mail; that he recalls having delivered mail from California, and especially remembers a postal card from some man friend mailed from California. It is probable that such correspondence emanates from Charles J. Fitzgerald who is known to have been in California on various occasions in the past. Upon further inquiry Mr. Quedenfeld stated that the Horning family residing across the street at 115 South Martin Street is apparently reliable; that Horning is employed by the Public Service Company.

A thirty day cover was thereupon placed on all first class mail delivered to 124 South Martin Street. The telephone directory lists telephone Majestic 1836 to John J. Vioski. The city directory lists Vioski's wife as June Vioski.

D. L. Jasinski, Superintendent, Station 6, Public Service Company of Northern Illinois was interviewed and stated that Horning had been employed by him for six years and was a reliable and highly dependable man.

Riley W. Horning, 115 South Martin Street was thereupon interviewed and arrangements were made whereby the address 124 South Martin Street could be kept under surveillance from his home. Mr. and Mrs. Horning were thereafter interviewed on several occasions and advised that the Born woman visits the Vioski family occasionally and stays for approximately one week; that she undoubtedly is the sister of Mrs. Vioski inasmuch as the children call her Auntie Belle; that it was their opinion that Belle Born was in great measure supporting this family, inasmuch as whenever she leaves the Vioski family makes repairs to the house and makes purchases of new clothing etc. Thereafter the address 124 South Martin Street and Belle Born were kept under surveillance by Special Agents Suran, Madala, Kirkland and the writer.

The Born woman with Mrs. Vieski and another woman whose identity was unknown were seen riding in an Erskine sedan bearing 1935 Illinois license 842381 on several occasions. These plates are issued to Wesley E. Beach, 135 South Washington Park, Waukegan, Illinois. 1935 Pontiac Sedan with red wire wheels bearing 1935 Illinois license plates 1333342 was likewise seen on several occasions parked in front of the Vioski home. However, the Born woman at no time was seen riding in same. On October 18, 1935 while Agents were tailing the Born woman, Mr. Horning saw the above mentioned Pontiac sedan draw up in front of the Vioski home and a man get out with a letter in his hand. After knocking and received no response at the Vioski home he drove away.

On October 19, 1935 a 1935 Ford sedan, gray in color, bearing 1935 Illinois license plates 654,527 was seen parked in front of the Vioski home late in the evening. The Born woman was not seen riding in this car at any time however. The above mentioned license plates are issued to Axel Cokkola, 18 South Sheridan Road, Waukegan, Illinois. The North Shore Auto Body Company, a small auto repair shop occupies the above premises. Alex Cokkola is not listed in either the city or telephone directory. During the surveillance no person answering the description of Charles J. Fitzgerald was seen in the vicinity.

At 11 A.M. on October 21, 1935 while Agent Kirkland and the writer were on duty a woman in the above mentioned Erskine sedan called at the Vioski home and left almost immediately with Belle Born. Agents proceeded to the place where the Bureau car had been parked out of view of the Vioski home, and discovered it was missing. It was later ascertained that the Police Department had taken the car away at the request of someone who had telephonically communicated the information that the car had been seen parked on the street and that the identity of the owner was unknown. Agents immediately covered the railroad stations and located Belle Born at the North Shore Railroad Station. She took the 12.02 train to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Special Agent J. L. Madala and the writer accompanied her. At Milwaukee she took the 2.17 P.M. train to St. Paul, Minnesota. Special Agents Madala and the writer boarded the same train and upon arrival in St. Paul turned over the surveillance to Special Agents Paulson, Hardy and Wolf.

No contact was made by the Born woman with anyone during this return trip to St. Paul.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John L. Madala, on October 23, 1935:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois dated October 17, 1935, which reflects on page 12 that JACK LIBERTY, confidential informant, was incarcerated in the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois awaiting trial for armed robbery.

It was ascertained by Agent Madala that Jack Liberty according to the records of the office of the County Attorney, Chicago, Illinois was indicted on June 17, 1935 under indictment number 76029, which charged him with robbery with a gun. He was tried and found guilty on October 4, 1935 and on the same date he received a sentence of one year to life. Liberty was delivered to the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois on October 14, 1935.

It will also be noted in the above reference report that MIKE MORENO, an alleged contact for the Barker-Karpis mob was likewise incarcerated in the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois awaiting trial for armed robbery. Agent Madala ascertained that Moreno was given a jury trial before Judge McKinley on September 12, 1935, and was found guilty. He received a sentence on the same date of one year to life, and is now confined in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. H. McKee, Washington, D. C., dated September 24, 1935, which requests that a flash notice be placed in the file of Dr. Joseph P. Moran at the Veterans Administration, Hines, Illinois, concerning any contact made by him or on his behalf.

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[REDACTED] Chief, Contact Unit, Veterans Administration, Hines, Illinois, was interviewed on October 25, 1935, by Special Agent S. K. McKee, and through his courtesy examination was made of file #C-442581, relating to Joseph P. Moran, and it was noted that the last activity in this file was a notice for examination mailed to Moran at 733 First Street, LaSalle, Illinois, on January 15, 1935, in connection with which he did not report. This file indicates that the last actual contact with Moran was on November 13, 1924, at which time he underwent a physical examination.

Examination was also made of file #A-4637439, and it was noted that the last contact with Moran, as contained in this file, was under date of November 1, 1932, at which time he made a maximum, or 50%, loan on his adjusted service certificate. His address at that time was 503 Main Street, Maywood, Illinois. It should be stated that under the present law Moran is not entitled to any further loan on his adjusted service certificate.

Flashes were placed in both of the above files, requesting that telephonic communication be had with the Chicago Bureau Office in the event of any activity on the part of Moran, or by others on his behalf.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent S. K. McKee:

Following publication in various newspapers of stories relating to the death of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, interview was had with Betty Tracey, former fiancée of Dr. Moran, who resides at 2718 North Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. At the time of this interview Miss Tracey appeared visibly shaken as a result of the newspaper publicity regarding Moran. When asked for information concerning him, she advised that she was very willing to tell anything she knew about him for the reason that she had long ago made up her mind to forget him, as she felt that further association with him could lead to nothing except heartache.

She informed that prior to Moran's disappearance in April, 1934, she had kept company with him for a period of approximately two years, and during that time had felt that he was progressing satisfactorily with his medical practice. She said the only thing that caused any difference between them was the fact that Moran indulged excessively in the use of intoxicants. She said that some two or three days before his disappearance they had a quarrel over his drinking, and that as a result of this quarrel he was a bit put out with her. She said she did not see him again after the above quarrel, but that on either the last Thursday or Friday in April, 1934, he telephoned her home and in a conversation with her, advised that he was going to the home of his sister in Spring Valley, Illinois, for two or three days. She said she told him that she thought the trip would do him good, and asked that he not drink during the visit. She stated that she has neither seen nor heard from Moran since the above conversation.

Miss Tracey stated that she believes the newspaper story as to Dr. Moran's death because she cannot help but believe that he would communicate either with her or his relatives in the event he was still living. She advised she did not believe his relatives had heard from him, giving as a reason the fact that during May, 1935, John Lauer, Moran's nephew from Spring Valley, Illinois, came to see her on behalf of his mother, Mrs. Kate Lauer. The visit was occasioned by a newspaper article in a La Salle, Illinois newspaper to the effect that Dr. Moran was said to have been killed and his body thrown in the Detroit River. It should be noted that this newspaper article is no doubt the story circulated by Attorney John DeCourcy during the course of the Bremer kidnaping trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, in April and May of this year. Miss Tracey said she told John Lauer exactly what she was telling Agent McKee. Miss

Tracey stated further that she would be glad to get the whole business concerning Dr. Moran over with as she feels that she will not be able to get him completely off of her mind until she learns what has happened to him.

As of possible value in conducting future investigation, communication was had with Dr. Leo J. Mackey, 4118 North Laverne Avenue, telephone - Pensacola 7702, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Mackey is a dentist who formerly occupied offices with Dr. Joseph P. Moran at 4861 Irving Park Blvd., Chicago, where the latter was located at the time of his disappearance. Dr. Mackey was questioned concerning the condition of Moran's teeth, and he informed that he never did any work for Moran, but that he had looked at his mouth on several occasions. He advised that he could state positively that Doctor Moran's mouth did not contain any bridge work; that as he remembered Moran's teeth were in fairly good condition with the exception of several lower front teeth, which were infected from pyorrhea. He said he had advised Moran that it would be wise for him to have several of his lower front teeth drawn and a bridge put in inasmuch as the teeth in question were loose and the infection was likely to spread. He was unable to state, however, whether Moran had done anything about that condition. He advised further that he believes Dr. H. C. Billig, a dentist with offices at 505 Main Street, Maywood, Illinois, may have done some work on Moran's teeth, and might be able to furnish better information of value in effecting identification through the medium of his teeth. Dr. Billig will be interviewed at a future date.

In connection with a letter received by Dolores Delaney at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, under date of October 20, 1935, from her mother in St. Paul, Minnesota, in which the mother advised that she should be addressed at 4554 Malden Street, Chicago, Illinois, interview was had with Robert Rogers, Manager of the Wilson Apartments, 4554 Malden Street, and it was determined that Jean Delaney and her sister, Babe Delaney, are residing at this address. The photograph of Jean Delaney was displayed to Manager Rogers, and he informed that this girl is known to him as Mrs. Robert Conroy. The apartment records reflect that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conroy and a Miss Delaney moved into Apartment 307 on August 3, 1935.

The description of Conroy, as furnished by the manager, indicates he is the individual who visited Jean Delaney in the home of Robert C. Fitzsimmons, Chicago, Illinois, shortly after she was

placed on probation along with Helen Gillis and Marie Comforti at Madison, Wisconsin. He is likewise, no doubt, the Bob Conroy referred to in correspondence between Dolores Delaney and her sister. It should also be stated that the letter to Dolores Delaney from her mother, dated October 20, 1935, indicates that Jean intends marrying Robert Conroy on or about November 4, 1935.

Manager Rogers advised that Jean Delaney had been working as a hostess in some night club, but had stopped work a short time ago on account of her health. He was shown a photograph of Subject Karpis, and was requested to maintain a periodic surveillance on the Delaney girls and any persons who might visit them, and he advised that he would be glad to do so. He said that if Jean Delaney returned to work as a hostess he would endeavor to learn her place of employment and would transmit the information to this Office.

The address and telephone number of the Chicago Bureau Office were furnished him in order that any information he obtained might be communicated.

During the course of this interview with Mr. Rogers, he advised that he had not taken any trouble to notice the occupants of Apartment 307, but that his contact with these people had not caused him to be suspicious in any way. His experience with them had led him to believe that they were desirable tenants.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent William J. McNulty, New York City, dated October 5, 1935, concerning information obtained regarding William Elmer Meade.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan:

In connection with the investigation to locate William Elmer Meade, Agent Sullivan made a neighborhood investigation to locate a place where the address of Kate Meade would be kept under surveillance. This is an apartment house, three stories high containing six apartments at 1531-1533 Fargo Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Information was obtained that Mrs. Meade leaves and enters her apartment almost invariably by the rear. The Jarvis Garage, 1512 Jarvis Avenue, extends to the alley in the rear of the Meade apartment. From the rear of the garage anyone can be seen entering or leaving the Meade apartment. Mrs. M. B. Rabin, owner of the above garage, was interviewed and she stated she would be glad to lend the use of her garage for surveillance purposes. Mrs. Rabin is not friendly with Mrs. Meade, having quarrelled with her in the past.

On October 22, 1935, in response to the suggestion that a place for watching the Meade apartment from the front be obtained, on the opposite side of Fargo Avenue, Agent Sullivan first contacted Mrs. Edgar A. Samels, first floor, 1533 Fargo Avenue, to ascertain whether Mrs. Meade was still in Chicago. Mrs. Samels has been contacted at various times by Post Office Inspectors and Intelligence Unit Agents working on the Meade case, and is considered trustworthy.

Mrs. Samels stated that Kate Meade left home on or about October 11, 1935, and has not been seen since; that she did not notify, as is her usual custom, of her departure or her intended destination; that no one has heard from her since. Mrs. Samels stated that the Meade woman is very secretive about her movements; that she is away for three or four months at a time on occasions; that she left during January last and remained away until the middle of April; that on her return she did not mention where she had been. Mrs. Samels is friendly with Mrs. Meade, but because she is living in the same building she does not desire to know too much about Mrs. Meade's activities and business; that Mrs. Meade has a great deal of affection for her husband, William Elmer, and speaks of him frequently. Mrs. Samels stated that Mrs. Perkins, who lives

on the second floor opposite the Meade apartment, formerly was very friendly with Mrs. Meade, but they had an argument a year or more ago and are not very friendly now. However, Mrs. Samels stated Mrs. Perkins gossips with the neighbors and she did not think it advisable to contact her.

Mrs. Samels, upon being questioned further as to whether Mrs. Meade was in communication with anyone while she was away, stated that she recalled last April, a few days before Mrs. Meade returned, she was speaking with Mr. Kenning, the real estate man who collects rents from the tenants. During the conversation Mr. Kenning mentioned that he would not be surprised if Mrs. Meade did not return in a few days. Mrs. Samels thereupon stated to Mr. Kenning that he must have heard from Mrs. Meade. Mr. Kenning blushed and seemed greatly embarrassed.

Mrs. Samels would not be willing to have Agents staying in her apartment to watch Mrs. Meade's movements, and she indicated she did not desire to be contacted again, inasmuch as when Mrs. Meade is home, she immediately calls on Mrs. Samels and vigorously interrogates her whenever anyone leaves Mrs. Samels apartment who might appear to be a Government Agent.

Mrs. Samels stated that Mrs. Meade had no telephone.

Mr. Charles P. Kenning, Real Estate, 1436 West Jarvis Avenue, Chicago, was interviewed. Mr. Kenning stated he took over the collection of the rents at 1533 Fargo Avenue about a year ago at the request of the Internal Revenue Bureau, who have a lien against the property as a result of an income tax violation on the part of William Elmer Meade. He stated that the tenants pay the rent at his office; that he sees Mrs. Meade about once every two months; that when she leaves her home, she does not advise him of her whereabouts; nor does she communicate with him while she is away; that he did not know until Agent Sullivan's visit that Mrs. Meade had recently left again. Kenning stated that Mrs. Meade was very secretive about her movements, but that after she returned last April, after her four months' absence, she mentioned that she had to take her pet canary past a quarantine on the trip. Kenning stated that from this remark he gathered she had passed quarantine somewhere on leaving the United States.

Barker, the janitor at 1533 Fargo Avenue, was interviewed. He likewise denied knowing of Mrs. Meade's whereabouts, stating that

when she leaves she does not notify anyone, and it is sometimes a day or more before he discovers she has gone.

Carrier Oertel, Rogers Park Post Office Sub-Station, stated he delivers mail to the Meade address, but that she does not leave a forwarding address when she leaves. Oertel stated that Mrs. R. H. or E. J. Perkins, with whom Mrs. Meade was formerly very friendly, was now residing at 7606 Bosworth Avenue, Chicago, but expected on November 1, 1935, to move to 1528 Fargo Avenue.

The following mail was observed in Mrs. Meade's mail box:

Letter postmarked 10/11/35, return address:
Drs. Lyman and McLean, 10 South La Salle
Street, Chicago;

Letter from United States Board of Tax Appeals,
postmarked 10/19/35;

Letter postmarked Chicago, 10/20/35 from Mrs.
E. Burnham, 138 North State Street, Chicago.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 16, 1935, particularly to the section of this report dealing with information furnished by [REDACTED] b7c b7d

It will be noted that on September 24, 1935, [REDACTED]

On October 11, 1935, [REDACTED] received a letter postmarked "Toledo, Ohio, October 10, 1935", from Edith Barry. This letter was typewritten and signed "Ed." This letter was taken to the Chicago Bureau Office where same was photostated and then returned to [REDACTED] who had requested its return. This letter reads as follows:

"I would have written you sooner but I fell down stairs and although I did not break any bones I have had several bad burns from the carpet that have been very painful.

"First of all I want to thank you for the table. It is mighty fine and I know will be very useful. [REDACTED]

What is the bleach that you spoke of? Can I get it here?

"I have not heard any thing as yet. When ever I do thought I will get in touch with you. Have you heard any thing from Ruth? I seems strange that she does not let any one know whether she is safe or not. She should know that all who knew that she was in that stricken area are worried as to her safety. They had another storm there but I do not think that it hit where she is.

"How is the Cafe doing? I cannot imagine Anna in that business. There is a lot of grief to it but I hope that she wins out.

"This is a grey day. I think that before long we will be having snow. In fact that it what it looks like today. I hate to see it for it means buying coal. Otherwise I do not mind the winter

as I feel better in cold weather.

"We had some excitement Monday morning. One of the bridges across the river broke in two. Not the one that you crossed going to Cleveland but one down below that. It was one of the most traveled bridges. Fortunately, at the time there were no cars on it - just the bridge tender and he was saved. Had it been about an hour sooner though it would have been heavy with traffic.

"Well, it looks like the war is here. I am most surely hoping that it does not embroil other countries but I am afraid that it will. I suffered too much in the last war to ever wish to see another such.

"Sincerely hope that this finds [redacted] well and that all is going fine. As soon as I hear anything I will let you know. In the meantime, I hope that everything will get better for both of us. Take care of yourself- I too enjoyed our visit and hope that we will have more in the future. Lou is so grateful to you for what you did for her. She joins me in sending best wishes and regards.

(signed) "Ed."

It will be noted in the third paragraph of this letter that mention is made of "Ruth". [redacted] as questioned as to the identity of Ruth. He stated Ruth is a nurse [redacted]

[redacted] went to Sarasota, Florida. He described her as being about thirty-eight years of age, 5'9" tall, weight about 165 lbs., red hair, long bob, rather good looking and jovial. He stated that [redacted] she became acquainted with Edith Barry [redacted]

[redacted] Ruth Potts and Edith Barry became very close friends; that Ruth Potts occasionally visited the Barry woman in Toledo. He indicated that Ruth Potts [redacted] but stated she was rather "wild" about men. He advised he now recalls that a short time previous to Edith Barry first communicating with him [redacted]

[redacted] received a letter from Ruth Potts, postmarked "Sarasota, Florida" which letter he is now unable to locate, believing he destroyed same, advising him, [redacted] that Edith Barry would get in touch with him [redacted]

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soon with reference to a "good" proposition, and stated: [REDACTED] don't turn this down." He stated Ruth Potts failed to make any further mention as to the identity of the persons involved in the "Proposition", but he recalls it was soon after the receipt of this letter that he received word from Edith Barry from Toledo, Ohio, that she was coming over to see him during the latter part of April, 1935; that Edith Barry came to Chicago the following day by airplane, and first mentioned the fact that she had work for him to do involving a good fee on a "couple of boys." Due to the information contained in this letter from Ruth Potts concerning Edith Barry, [REDACTED] wondered if it were not possible that Ruth Potts knew something concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] further stated that Ruth Potts visited them in Chicago about five months ago, at which time she said she had a sweetheart in Florida; that Ruth Potts was well dressed and stated she liked Sarasota, Florida, very much and did not intend to return to Chicago to live.

For further information relative to Ruth Potts reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, Jacksonville, Florida, dated October 19, 1935. Mail covers have been placed by the Jacksonville Office on mail received by Ruth Potts and her sister, Ada Potts, and several tracings have been forwarded to the Chicago Bureau Office as a result of this mail cover.

The investigation at Sarasota, Florida, further shows that the Potts sisters, Ruth and Ada, are close friends of a Mrs. E. A. Meade, whose address is 303 South Osprey Street, Sarasota. [REDACTED] are questioned as to the identity of a Mrs. Lillian T. Meade, who is identical with Mrs. E. A. Meade, Lillian being her maiden name. [REDACTED] advised they know Lillian Meade; that she is a type similar to the Potts sisters, rather wild and "man crazy." They also advised that Lillian Meade is separated from her husband, whose first name they could not recall, but who is a prominent business man in Chicago. [REDACTED] advised she believes she met Mr. Meade on one occasion and was shown a photograph of William Elmer Meade, who is wanted for questioning in this case. She advised she is certain William Elmer Meade and the Meade who is the husband of Lillian are not the same. [REDACTED] are attempting to learn the present whereabouts of Lillian's husband. They both stated this Mr. Meade has very little sympathy with his wife Lillian, and is satisfied for her to remain in Florida as long as she will.

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On September 20, 1935, Mrs. Paul Koehler, 2846 North Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically advised the Chicago Bureau Office that a baby bed had been delivered to the Karpavicz apartment, 2842 North Francisco Street.

Special Agent R. D. Brown called at the Chicago Baby Carriage Company where the owner, Mr. Samuel Kroll, was interviewed. Examination was made of purchase slips for the month of September, 1935, and it was found that on September 14, 1935, the following bill of goods was sold to John Karpavicz, 2842 North Francisco Street: baby bed and mattress, high chair with pad, amounting to \$57.78, including the State tax. Mr. Kroll advised that these two articles were the most expensive of their kind sold by his company; that few people are able to afford articles of this quality.

Mr. Kroll then called in the sales girl, Mrs. Irene Bodner. Mr. Kroll advised it would be better for him to question Mrs. Bodner as she might become nervous should she learn of Agent's identity. Mrs. Bodner was then questioned by Mr. Kroll in Agent's presence. After considerable questioning Mrs. Bodner advised that she remembered the sale and stated an old man and an old lady, descriptions given by her of both people being identical of Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, had made the purchase. She stated they came into the store on September 14, 1935, and after examining several baby beds and high chairs selected the most expensive items in the store. She stated Mr. Karpavicz did most of the talking, and advised that the articles were for his little grandson, the son of his daughter. Mrs. Bodner stated that she recalled the bill was paid for by Mr. Karpavicz with a crisp new \$100.00 bill, and that when he pulled this bill from his pocket, it was not in a pocketbook, there were several other bills of large denomination in the same roll, and at least one of them was another \$100.00 bill. She stated she thought it unusual for a man, dressed as Mr. Karpavicz, to have so much money on his person. She was unable to furnish any further information concerning the transaction. However, the records of the Chicago Baby Carriage Company show the articles were delivered on September 17, 1935, and that John Karpavicz furnished his telephone number as Belmont 7899 when completing this sale. The Chicago Baby Carriage Company is located at 1801 South Michigan Avenue.

Agent Brown then again interviewed Mrs. Paul Koehler at her home at 2846 North Francisco Street. Mrs. Koehler advised that

for a period of approximately a month previous to this visit by Agent Mr. Karpavicz was seen by her and her son, Paul, Jr., to wheel Subject Karpis' baby in the large expensive Kroll carriage from the Karpavicz apartment south on Francisco Street to Diversey Avenue, where on several occasions Mr. Karpavicz was seen to place the baby and baby carriage at a point immediately adjacent to the curb at the intersection of Francisco and Diversey, where anyone driving west on Diversey could get an excellent view of the baby; that Mr. Karpavicz would sit on a nearby curb for a period as long as two hours at a time watching the baby in this position. Both Mrs. Koehler and her son Paul thought this very unusual and advanced the theory that possibly Subject Karpis probably had an opportunity to drive by in a car and view his baby under these circumstances.

On September 27, 1935, while in the vicinity of the Koehler home Agent Brown noticed that the baby carriage, containing little Ray Karpis, was parked at the intersection of Diversey and Francisco as before related by Mrs. Koehler. Agent Brown watched Mr. Karpavicz and the baby for approximately one hour from a saloon located across the street. However, no automobile passing appeared to slow up at this intersection and Mr. Karpavicz appeared to recognize no one during the period the baby was stationed there. He then returned to his apartment with the baby. Mrs. Koehler was contacted frequently thereafter, and stated this procedure had been discontinued.

During several interviews with Mrs. Koehler she further advised that her daughter had had rather frequent conversations during the summer with Mrs. Neubold, Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz' daughter, who also lives at 2842 North Francisco Street; that Mrs. Neubold remarked on two or three occasions that she was staying home from her work in order to assist her mother in "taking care of little Ray." Mrs. Koehler advised that Mrs. Neubold had been employed in the Eastman Kodak Company, somewhere on South Indiana Avenue. The address was found to be 1727 South Indiana Avenue. She also stated that during the past summer Mrs. Neubold has been wearing better clothes than previously, and that her young daughter has been seen to wear much better clothes than she has been able formerly to afford. In fact, Mrs. Koehler advised that Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz have recently purchased new clothes for themselves, and appear to be living much better than they have lived in former years.

Mrs. Koehler also advised that it has been only during the past summer that the Karpavicz family has been friendly with John Post, referred to in previous reports as being an expelled member of the Janitors' Union, and who resides at 3300 West Armitage Avenue, Chicago. She stated the new Buick Sedan John Post has been driving is often seen in front of the Karpavicz' apartment, and that John Karpavicz and John Post often ride away from this address in this new Buick. She stated that in recent weeks this car has been seen in front of the Karpavicz' apartment with large "For Sale" signs marked thereon. She stated she thought it unusual in view of the fact that some days the "For Sale" sign would be placed in the rear window of the car, sometimes on the right side of the car, sometimes on the left side of the car, and sometimes on the front side of the car, and sometimes on both the front and rear. Mrs. Koehler wondered if this might be a signal of some kind to someone calling at the Karpavicz' apartment.

On October 8, 1935, Special Agent S. K. McKee obtained the following information from the Illinois Bell Telephone Company with reference to long distance calls emanating from the telephone listed to John Karpavicz, 2842 North Francisco Street, Belmont 7899, and also the telephone of Dave Brown, same address, Spaulding 7784. (Previous reports will show that Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brown are close friends of the Karpavicz' family.) It was learned that Belmont 7899 is a two-party restricted line, and that Spaulding 7784 is a four-party coin box. It was learned there have been no long distance telephone calls from either of these phones during the past four months. A telegram was sent from Spaulding 7784 on August 19, 1935, to Winnipeg, Canada, and signed "Adeline." No investigation was conducted concerning this telegram due to previous information to the effect that the Browns formerly resided in Winnipeg, Canada, and have numerous friends and relatives there, Mrs. Brown's first name being Adeline.

On September 25, 1935, Mrs. Emily Neubold telephoned the Chicago Bureau Office advising that she was in receipt of a letter from Dolores Delaney, advising that a man in Florida had communicated with her for the purpose of purchasing a Ford V-8 Sedan from her, which Ford was presently being held by Cuban authorities. Mrs. Neubold wanted to know what steps could be taken by her to obtain this car. She was advised to communicate directly with the Police Department at Havana, Cuba, concerning this matter. Mrs. Neubold stated it is her desire to have her father,

John Karpavicz, proceed to whatever point the car might be held for the purpose of obtaining it for his own personal use.

In this connection the Detroit Bureau Office submitted a copy of a letter received by Dolores Delaney at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, dated September 11, 1935, and signed by "Amos Travis, Vice President", (name of firm not shown) advising Dolores Delaney that he had recently visited Havana, Cuba and had learned that she is the legal owner of a 1934 Ford Fordor Sedan, which car he had learned is in the possession of the Cuban police. Travis further informed that he desired to purchase this car if same could be obtained at a reasonable figure, and asked that he be advised concerning Dolores Delaney's decision as to selling the car.

It will be noted this car was taken by Cuban police officers at the time of the arrest of Nathaniel Heller at Havana, Cuba, during February, 1935.

The Chicago Bureau Office was telephonically advised on October 18, 1935, by Special Agent A. A. Muzey, of the Detroit Office, that Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz and the Karpis baby, arrived at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, for the purpose of visiting Dolores Delaney at 12:30 P.M. on that date. A microphone was installed in the room where Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz visited with Dolores Delaney, but the only conversation of any importance between them was remarks made by Dolores Delaney to the effect that the Ford V-8 Sedan at Havana, Cuba, would do her no good, and that Mr. Karpavicz might just as well try and get it. She also made the remark that this automobile would do "Alvin" no good. Dolores was heard to ask Mr. Karpavicz if "Alvin's" name and picture had been in the Chicago papers recently, and she commented upon the fact that the baby bore a resemblance to Alvin. No further conversation of any importance was overheard.

It will be noted from previous reports relative to the set-up at 2842 North Francisco Street, where John Karpavicz was a janitor in this apartment building, that this building is now in receivership, and that the present receiver is one Jules Eichenbaum, whose offices are at 134 North La Salle Street, Suite 300.

Due to the unusual expenditures and activities on the part of John Karpavicz and his wife, it was thought advisable to

attempt to undertake a surveillance at the Karpavicz apartment house. Mr. Eichenbaum was interviewed by Special Agent Brown on October 16, 1935, at his office at 134 North La Salle Street. Mr. Eichenbaum was questioned as to whether he had obtained any further information relative to the Karpavicz family at 2842 North Francisco Street since last interviewed by Special Agent M. Chaffetz. He stated he had obtained no further information except that some time early in July, 1935, John Karpavicz had called at his office advising that he wanted to take a trip to Topeka, Kansas, where he has relatives and expected to go to Kansas City, Missouri, where he had property which he hoped to sell, and that upon John Karpavicz' return he called on Mr. Eichenbaum advising that he had sold his property in Kansas City, Missouri.

The report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois, dated July 29, 1935, records information concerning the visit of John Karpavicz to Topeka, Kansas. He fails to indicate that John Karpavicz sold any property while on this visit. It is believed possibly that John Karpavicz was careful to advise Mr. Eichenbaum of his trip to Topeka and to inform him he had sold property there in order that this might be a proper explanation as to the reason for his greater prosperity on his return, and to cover up the fact that he probably obtains money from time to time from his son, Fugitive Alvin Karpis, instead of obtaining this money from the sale of any property.

The interview with Mr. Eichenbaum was not satisfactory as he immediately confidentially informed Agent Brown that he wanted to cooperate with the Agents of the Chicago Bureau Office in every way possible, but that he would insist upon obtaining the first news with reference to any activity by the Karpavicz family and their Fugitive son, and all details of the Government's efforts to capture him, in order that he might furnish this news to the Hearst newspapers in Chicago before the information was released by anyone else. He indicated he is connected with the Hearst newspapers and is very friendly with the City Editor himself. It was noted that he made every attempt to obtain bits of information from Agent concerning the Government's success in past months in locating Alvin Karpis. He also stated that he wanted Agent to cooperate with a friend of his who is a sergeant of the Chicago Police Department assigned to Prosecutor Courtney's office, in order that this official might obtain as much credit as possible for the capture of Alvin Karpis in view of the fact that

he, Eichenbaum, is making every attempt to arrange for this officer's promotion. In view of Mr. Eichenbaum's attitude no information whatever was furnished him, and he was not asked to cooperate in any way to arrange for a surveillance of the Karpavicz' apartment. However, he informed during the course of the conversation with him that there were no vacancies in this apartment building at the present time.

On October 14, 1935, while visiting Mrs. Koehler at 2846 North Francisco Street, she advised that that morning a young man, who greatly resembled Alvin Karpis, was seen by her to leave the side entrance of the Karpavicz' apartment, with his overcoat collar turned up and a snap brimmed hat pulled down over his eyes, and to walk slowly through the walkway between the Koehler home and the Karpavicz apartment house, to the rear alley where he hesitated a moment, and soon after John Karpavicz left the apartment and followed this young man to the alley where they both disappeared. She stated she did not get a good enough view of this young man to determine whether or not he was Alvin Karpis, but she thought his height and general appearance were similar to that of Alvin Karpis, and she believed the action of both this young man and John Karpavicz to be rather suspicious. She stated that in the future she would immediately call the Chicago Bureau Office should she note any further visits by this young man. It will be noted that the Koehler home is ideally located to view anyone leaving or entering the Karpavicz' apartment from the front, side or rear.

Mrs. Koehler was asked if she would permit Agents to again remain in her home for a few days in order to view activities in the Karpavicz' apartment. She stated she would ask her husband about this, and on October 24, 1935, she advised that her husband was willing that one Agent remain in their home, but that they desired that he enter and leave their home as inconspicuously as possible, and that not more than one Agent be in their home at one time. She also stated it would be impossible for her to furnish meals to this Agent. It then appeared desirable to obtain a room or apartment in the vicinity where other Agents could be stationed in order that the Agent at the Koehler home might advise these other Agents of any activity at the Karpavicz home, especially whenever Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz left their apartment in order that surveillance might be made of them.

Special Agents John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan, after making inquiries as to reliable persons in the neighborhood, finally obtained a room in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Bartel, 2839 North Richmond Avenue, telephone Belmont 1-0058. Mr. Bartel is a retired sea captain and is presently on city relief. The Bartel home is located immediately across the alley from the Karpavicz apartment house and the room obtained in the Bartel home faces the alley and is located in such a way that persons leaving the small walkway between the Koehler home and the Karpavicz apartment may be seen.

On October 25, 1935, permission was requested of the Bureau to tap telephone number Belmont 7899, which is listed in the name of John Karpavicz, and on October 26, 1935, this telephone was tapped by Special Agents John L. Madala and J. M. Jones, the receiver being run into the room in the Bartel house. On the night of October 25, 1935, the surveillance at the Koehler home was started by Special Agent Madala, and is being continued at the present time by Special Agents Madala and V. E. Criss, each of whom remains in the Koehler residence twelve hours per day. Special Agents Jones and D. P. Sullivan, together with either Special Agents Criss or Madala, whichever Agent is off duty at the Koehler home, remained at the Bartel home for the purpose of securing conversations heard over the tap, and to be available for surveillance of Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz and Mrs. Neubold.

A 1928 model Ford Sedan was obtained from the Clark-Van Buren Garage for purposes of following the Karpavicz family and the Neubolds. This action was taken in view of the fact that it was thought the Bureau's Buick and Hudson automobiles might become too suspicious in the neighborhood.

The arrangement first made was to have the Agent at the Koehler residence immediately call the Agents at the Bartel residence whenever the Karpavicz family or the Neubolds left their apartments in order that the surveillance could be taken up by these Agents. However it developed that the telephones in both the Bartel and the Koehler homes were four-party line phones, often busy, and too much time was consumed in getting information to the Agents in the Bartel home in order to pick up the surveillance upon the departure of Mr. Karpavicz or other members of the Karpavicz family. On November 2, 1935, a brief case type radio set

was installed in the Bartel and Koehler homes. This set operates perfectly and whenever any activity is noted by the Agent on duty in the Koehler home, same is immediately transmitted over this radio to the Agents in the Bartel home, who now have sufficient time to take up the surveillance.

The results obtained from the tap on telephone number Belmont 7899 were found not to be satisfactory due to the fact that conversations between parties calling were usually in a foreign language, thought to be either Russian, Polish or Lithuanian. The Bureau was advised of this difficulty, and on November 2, 1935, Special Agent L. G. Turou arrived at the Chicago Bureau Office and took up his duties at the telephone tap located in the Bartel home on the morning of November 3, 1935. It has been found that calls on this telephone have been very infrequent to date. A log is being kept of conversations over this telephone, and developments in connection with the surveillance of the Karpavicz family will be reported from time to time.

On October 21, 1935, Sergeant C. McGuire, Detective Bureau, Chicago Police Department, called the Chicago Bureau Office, and advised Mr. D. M. Ladd, Special Agent in Charge, that a person recently arrested desired to communicate with an Agent of this Bureau.

Special Agent R. D. Brown interviewed Sergeant McGuire, who stated three men had been picked up on October 18, 1935, charged with "stickup", their names being Ted Albert, Sam Goldstein and Thomas Cathright. He stated Cathright was the man who wanted to speak with an Agent of this Bureau. Agent immediately recalled that Cathright was a man who was alleged to have married Marie Bourley, alias Marie Henderson, a former cook at the Casino Club operated by Ted and Bert Angus, during the time the Subjects in this case frequented the Casino Club in Toledo, Ohio, during the late Winter and Spring of 1934. It will be noted that Marie Bourley was alleged to have kept company with Subject Willie Harrison while members of the gang frequented the old Casino Club. The file shows that Marie Bourley gave up her position as cook at the old Casino Club and married a man named Tom Cathright, who took her to Austin, Texas, where they resided for some time.

Cathright insisted that he be interviewed by an Agent alone, and not in the presence of Chicago Detectives. This request was not entirely granted by the Detective Bureau. However, Cathright was permitted to talk to Agent in a corner of a room which was also occupied by Sergeant McGuire. However, it is not believed that McGuire could overhear much of the information furnished by Cathright.

Cathright first furnished some information relative to bank robbers, which is being reported in another file of the Chicago Bureau Office. Only the information relative to this case is being reported in this file. Cathright advised that he had known Bert and Ted Angus for several years; that some time during the early part of June, 1935, he called at the new Casino Club operated by Bert and Ted Angus, at which time Ted Angus told him that he was very sorry he had been unable to get in touch with him, Cathright, sooner, as he had a couple of boys staying at his place who needed another man for a "job". Cathright stated that Ted Angus then told him these two boys were Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and the job they wanted him for was to assist them in a mail robbery at Warren, Ohio. Cathright stated he then told Ted

Angus that these boys were too hot for him, and that he would not consider joining up with them.

Cathright stated he again saw Ted Angus some time during the latter part of September or first part of October, at which time Ted Angus again reminded him of the fact that he was very sorry he could not locate him, Cathright, at the time Karpis was in his place, as Karpis would be a good man to team up with in view of his experience in stickups and bank robberies. However, he stated Ted Angus failed to furnish any other information about Karpis except to say: "They occasionally come in here."

Cathright advised that his wife, Marie, is now again working for the Angus brothers, cooking at the new Casino Club. He was asked if in his opinion his wife would assist the Government, and he stated she might if properly approached.

It was Cathright's idea that if arrangements could be made to release him from custody of the Chicago Police he would be able to go to Bert and Ted Angus and probably learn much valuable information concerning their contacts with Karpis and Campbell, and that he might be able to learn of their present whereabouts. He stated that both Ted and Bert Angus have unqualified confidence in him. He was advised that this action would be impossible. It was later learned that Chicago newspapers had carried the story of Cathright's arrest with his two accomplices, which information was undoubtedly carried in Toledo, Ohio papers, which would cause Cathright's value as an informant to be useless in any event. However, the information relative to his wife, Marie, who is now going under the name of Marie Bourley, may be of some value as it might be possible to develop her as an informant. Cathright was unable to furnish her present address in Toledo, and indicated she is not now friendly toward him in view of the fact that he promised her at the time of their marriage to get out of the racket, which he failed to do.

Cathright admitted he has served seven years of a ten year sentence in San Quentin, California, one and a half years of a one to three year sentence in the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, two years of a two year sentence in the Kentucky State Penitentiary, Eddyville, Kentucky, and was released on September 17, 1934, from the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana.

where he served a period of five years for burglary and robbery.

An attempt was made to secure further information of value from Cathright, but he maintained he had never seen any of the Subjects in this case, and knows little concerning them, and that in assisting the Government he could contact Bert and Ted Angus who would probably, according to Cathright, furnish him with all information in their possession concerning the present whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell. Cathright is being held by Chicago Police on a robbery charge from Hammond, Indiana, and is also wanted for bank robbery in Ohio.

Informant [REDACTED] has been interviewed from time to time by Special Agent Brown but he has been unable to furnish any information of value to date concerning the present whereabouts of Fugitives Karpis and Campbell. However [REDACTED] has proved himself to be an informant of value in the past, and it is believed that contacts with him should be continued as information concerning Karpis and Campbell in Chicago and vicinity will probably come to him should they frequent Chicago. b7c b7d

[REDACTED] has advised that the successor of Elmer Farmer, former Bensenville, Illinois, saloon keeper, in his opinion is Frank Derrico, who is a brother of Mike Derrico, who operates a place known as Twenty Acres, which is a re-modeled farmhouse one and a half miles east of Half-Day, Illinois, a suburb north of Chicago. He stated this place may be located by proceeding north on Milwaukee Avenue to Half-Day, by turning east at Half-Day, and proceeding two miles, and this house is located approximately one-quarter mile off the highway in a large vacant field. He advised that many important members of the underworld are frequenting this place, and that Frank Derrico caters to many of the fugitives who formerly "hid out" at Elmer Farmer's place.

[REDACTED] has no further information concerning persons hiding out at Twenty Acres at this time, but advises he will keep in touch with this situation and advise the Chicago Bureau Office.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, St. Louis, Missouri, dated 10/21/35, covering investigation as to telephone number Colfax 2916 in St. Louis, which was called on two occasions by telephone of Edith Barry at Toledo, Ohio.

Two Chicago telephone numbers were obtained from this St. Louis telephone, namely, Harrison 7685, and a call to the "Chicago Turf." The listings on these telephones are as follows:

Harrison 7685, Bulletin Record Publishing Company, 538 South Dearborn Street, 9th Floor.

Wabash 7411, Chicago Turf Bulletin and Sports Record, 538 South Dearborn Street.

From the above it would appear that the various calls from this number in St. Louis to Chicago were in connection with horse races and are apparently of no value to the investigation.

A letter from the New Orleans Bureau Office to the Chicago Bureau Office dated October 23, 1935, refers to the report of Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, above referred to, advising that the telephone number called from Colfax 2916, St. Louis (unlisted telephone issued to Lester J. Paul) to telephone number Galvez 1744, New Orleans, on September 26, 1935, is issued to Margaret V. Hennessy, 930 North Dorgenois Street. Since there is no information contained in the file concerning Margaret V. Hennessy, a request for investigation concerning her will be delayed for the present time.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 7/5/35, in which it is requested that Mildred Kuhlman, former paramour of "Doc" Barker, be again interviewed.

[REDACTED] is cooperating with Agents of the Cleveland Bureau Office and will report any activities on her part to Special Agents of that Office. The latest information with reference to her is that she is presently keeping company with the Assistant Manager of Hotel Secor in Toledo, Ohio. It does not appear advisable to contact her openly at this time [REDACTED]

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois, will examine mail tracings on mail received by Mr. and Mrs. John J. Vloski, 124 South Martin Street, Waukegan, Illinois, who is a sister of Belle Bora. As it is possible Belle Bora is receiving mail from William J. Fitzgerald through this address. The tracings are being forwarded direct to the Chicago Bureau Office.

Interview Dr. H. C. Billig, 505 Main Street, Maywood, Illinois, a dentist who may have worked on the teeth of subject Dr. Joseph P. Moran, and who may be able to furnish some information which may be of assistance in identifying Dr. Moran's body should same be located.

Keep in close touch with Robert Rogers, Manager, Wilson Apartments, 4554 Malden Street as to activities of Jean and Babe Delaney, sisters of Dolores Delaney. It will be noted that Jean Delaney is living at that address under the name of Mrs. Robert Conroy. Should Dolores Delaney's mother come to Chicago, Illinois, in the future she will probably reside at this address.

Will again interview Mrs. Edgar A. Samels, 1st floor front apartment, 1533 Fargo Avenue, Chicago, relative to any information she is able to give concerning the present whereabouts of Kate Meade, wife of William Elmer Meade. Will also interview the janitor at this address whose name is Barker. (This interview should, if possible, be conducted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan of the Chicago Bureau Office in view of his past contacts with her).

Determine if the family named Perkins, friends of Kate Meade, have moved to their new address, 1528 Fargo Avenue from their old address, 7606 Bosworth Avenue. Place mail cover on mail received by the Perkins'. Also determine what connection Dr. Lyman and Dr. McLean, 10 South LaSalle Street, have with Kate Meade. If investigation indicates it advisable that Doctors Lyman and McLean should be interviewed. Also determine identity of Mrs. E. B. Burnham, 138 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, who has written Kate Meade a letter. Arrange for cover to be placed on Mrs. Burnham's mail should investigation indicate close friendship with Kate Meade.

Report results of telephone tap on telephone number Belmont 7899, the telephone of Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz. Also continue surveillance of Karpavicz family and Newbold family from the homes of Arthur E. Bartel, 2839 North Richmond Avenue and Paul Koehler, 2846 North Francisco Avenue.

The CLEVELAND BUREAU OFFICE at Toledo, Ohio, will determine if possible the residence address of Marie Borley, alias Marie Henderson, nee Cathright, the wife of Thomas Cathright, who is reported to be again employed by the Angus brothers as a cook at the New Casino Club at the present time. Will conduct investigation to attempt to determine her attitude toward the Angus brothers at the present time and if same appears advisable attempt to solicit her cooperation as a confidential informant. (It should be noted that Marie Borley was employed as a cook at the old Casino Club during the time subjects of this case and their contacts frequented Toledo during the spring of 1934, and was very friendly with subject William J. Harrison).

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November 16, 1935

RECORDED

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. B. Brown in the above entitled case, dated at Chicago, Illinois November 7, 1935. Particular reference is made to the investigation with regard to Kate Heade, the wife of William Elmer Heade. For your assistance in conducting further investigation, I am enclosing herewith five photographs of Kate Heade alias Fern Davis. Her criminal record, as disclosed by the files of the Identification Division, is as follows:

As Fern Davis, aliases; Marie Temple, "Sun Shine", #1036, arrested Police Department, Logansport, Indiana April 7, 1933; charge - petty larceny; \$1, \$10 and 60 days, Indiana Women's Prison.

As Fern Davis, aliases; Marie Ferns, Davis Temple, #1036, received Indiana Women's Prison, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 11, 1933; crime - petty larceny; \$11 fine and 60 days.

It is desired that her photograph be presented to persons who are well acquainted with Mrs. Kate Heade to determine whether it is a good likeness of her. The description of Kate Heade, as given when she was arrested as above noted, is as follows:

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Age	45 years
Height	5' 3"
Weight	165 pounds
Build	heavy
Complexion	medium
Hair	brown - gray
Eyes	blue
Scar	inner forearm of right arm
Place of birth	Rutland, Illinois
Residence	Belvidere, Illinois.

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The description given when she was received at the Women's Prison, as above noted, is as follows:

Born	September 17, 1887
Birthplace	Illinois
Age	45 years
Height	5' 4"
Weight	151 pounds
Build	large
Occupation	organist
Nationality	American
Complexion	fair
Eyes	blue
Hair	brown
Scars	right forearm.

A review of the files discloses other descriptions of Kate Heade, showing her hair to be bleached white, cheeks puffy, wears heavy rouge, eyes dark and piercing, teeth protruding slightly, looks German but speaks without an accent. The files disclose that Kate Heade has used the following aliases: Katherine Heade, Marie Heade, Kate Schmidt, Mrs. C. G. Chase, Kate Schmitt, Fern Davis, Marie de Temple, Marie Temple, "Sun Shine", Marie Ferns, Davis Temple, "Prison Kate", Ferns Davis.

It is desired that every effort be made by the Chicago office to ascertain the present location of Kate Heade in the hope that William Elmer Heade may be located through her. Page 14 of the reference report indicates that Mr. Charles F. Kenning, a real estate dealer, 1436 West Jarvis Avenue, Chicago, collects the rents at 1533 Farge Avenue, Chicago, Illinois where Kate Heade lives. It is considered possible that she may communicate with him, for which reason it is desired that a mail cover be placed upon his mail immediately. It is also desired that the Chicago office ascertain through friends of Kate Heade whether she has made a mention of receiving mail from him or whether she has received mail from him rather than receiving such mail at her own address. It is believed that in this way William Elmer Heade communicates with her. It is noted on Page 13 of the reference report that Mrs. Heade has a great deal of affection for her husband, William Elmer Heade, and it is confidently believed that she is in communication with him.

Reference is made to the letter of the St. Paul office to the Bureau, dated November 6, 1935, with regard to an interview with Mrs. Anna Anderson, sister-in-law of Belle Born. It appears therein that on the occasion of one of her visits to Hurley, Wisconsin, she was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Beach, Mr. Beach being an employee of the telephone company at Waukegan, Illinois and his wife being a former Mankato, Minnesota girl.

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From the reports received by the Bureau it does not appear that this angle of the case has received any investigative attention. It is, therefore, requested that you give this matter your personal attention in the hope that some information with regard to the activities of Belle Bern and Charles J. Fitzgerald may be ascertained through Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Beach at Kankakee, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #58555

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November 16, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -
POSITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

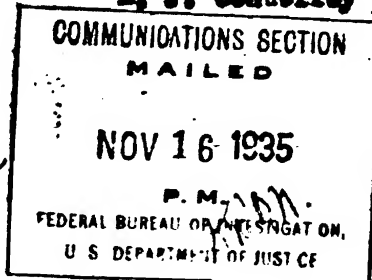
Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois November 7, 1935, particular reference being made to Pages 17 and 18 of said report, which show that Ruth Potts, who has been under investigation by the Jacksonville office, is a good friend of Edith Barry. It is felt the fact that Ruth Potts communicated with [redacted] advising him that Edith Barry would get in touch with him with reference to a good proposition, she may have some contact with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

It is, therefore, suggested that you make this a matter of personal concern so that your office will be advised at all times whether Karpis or Campbell communicate with Ruth Potts, her sister, Ada Potts, or Mrs. E. A. Meade, all of whom are residing in Sarasota, Florida.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-8

REPORT MADE AT Aberdeen, South Dakota	DATE WHEN MADE 11/9/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/8/35	REPORT MADE BY WERNER HANNI
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. FUGITIVE-I.O. #1218. HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a. FUGITIVE-I.O. #1236. DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a.-I.O. #1232. ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

One Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston admitted to Transient Camp, Fargo, North Dakota, June 1935, later transferred to Transient Camp, at Cando, North Dakota. Identified by numerous persons as subject Dr. Joseph P. Moran. Handwriting specimens obtained and forwarded to the Laboratory for examination.

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DETAILS:

Special Agent F. W. Allen, who is assigned to the Weyerhaeuser Kidnaping case in North Dakota, while at Langdon, North Dakota in conversation with Deputy Sheriff Olson obtained the following information:

"While at the Sheriff's office at Langdon, North Dakota, Deputy Sheriff Olson, a recent appointee showed Agent I.O. #1232 and stated that MORAN had been at the Transient Camp at Langdon all summer and had left town the latter part of August or the first of September.

"Agent immediately got in touch with Sheriff Wm. Murie of Langdon, N. D., who stated that an individual known as Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston applied for admission to the Transient Camp at Fargo, N. D., about June 1935, that he was taken in, and later sent to the Transient Camp at Cando, N. D., that the Transient Camp at Cando lasted for about three weeks at which time it was necessary to move the camp to Langdon, N. D., for reason that the Fair Authorities at Cando, N. D., refused to let the Government have the grounds at Cando, N. D., unless they paid a monthly rent of forty dollars; that the Transient Camp was then established at the Fair Grounds at Langdon, N. D., and that Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston came to Langdon, N. D., in charge of a gang

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of Transients; that Ormiston immediately became very friendly with the people in Langdon, and visited all the beer joints and on more than one occasion became intoxicated.

Sheriff Murie also stated that he showed the boys how to do tricks; that he would borrow a watch or other article from some one and then forget to give it back; that on one occasion he asked the Chief of Police at Langdon if he would let him see a five dollar bill; that the Chief showed him a five; that Ormiston took the five and handed the Chief back four ones and then said "I owe you one"; that one day he met the Chief on the street and told him that he could walk down the main street and in a short time he would have several fifty cent pieces; that the chief told him that he did not believe that he could do this; that Ormiston then walked down the street and spoke to several strangers and each one gave him fifty cents. Sheriff Murie stated that the Chief told him that Ormiston borrowed the money from the strangers stating that it was to pay Dr. King a local physician for treating some of the boys at the Transient Camp. Sheriff Murie also stated that Ormiston was in charge of the Camp until a Mr. Lynch arrived from the Main Camp at Fargo, N. D. That about the first of September 1935 Ormiston was supposed to go to the Transient Camp at Bottineau, North Dakota as camp Doctor; that a few days before he was to leave Langdon he slipped out of camp one night and took with him, a suit case full of clothing which was owned by Jack M. Schlegel, the camp cook. That Schlegel conducted some investigation and found that Ormiston had received a letter from some woman (name unknown) and that he was to meet her at Lakota, North Dakota and that they were to proceed to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sheriff Murie also stated that Ormiston's favorite joint at Langdon was a beer parlor called "The Cave" owned by Stub Walker and that Stub loaned Ormiston money on several occasions and that Ormiston gave him I.O.U.'s for the amount.

Sheriff Murie secured one of these I.O.U.'s from Walker and the same is being attached to this memorandum.

Sheriff Murie also stated that on September 4, 1935, a Warrant; charging petty larceny was issued by the State Courts at Langdon, N. D., against Ormiston upon the complaint of Jack M. Schlegel; that sometime after Ormiston left Langdon, he (Sheriff Murie) and Chief of Police Herbert Reetz were looking over the I. O.'s and ran across I.O. #1232 and immediately identified Ormiston as Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

Sheriff Murie also stated that Ormiston has been identified as Dr. Joseph P. Moran by the following parties:

Deputy Sheriff Olson, Langdon, N. D.
Stub Walker, Langdon, N. D.
Dr. Charles King, Langdon, N. D.
John Whalen, Langdon, N. D.

"Dr. Charles King of Langdon, N. D., upon interview stated that he first met Ormiston in June or July 1935, at the time he accompanied Transients to his office to be treated; that Ormiston was a likeable chap and stated that he had graduated from the Medical School of Michigan State College; that Ormiston assisted him on some of the cases and that there is no doubt in his mind, but that Ormiston was a skilled Doctor; that each time Ormiston brought a Transient to his office he (Ormiston) always had a government voucher to have filled out. Dr. King also stated that he immediately identified Ormiston as Dr. Joseph P. Moran when shown I.O. #1232, although he is much heavier.

"John Whalen of Whalens Pharmacy at Langdon, N. D., was interviewed by Sheriff Murie. Whalen stated that he filled several prescriptions for Ormiston; that Ormiston never wrote any prescriptions, but had one of the clerks write it for him or he would telephone the prescription and therefore he has several of Ormiston's prescriptions, but that the same are not in Ormiston's handwriting.

"Postmaster L. L. Gardner of Langdon, N. D., advised that the men stationed at the Langdon Transient Camp who were government employees can be located through the Fargo Transient Camp and that the Langdon Camp ended about October 15, 1935. Postmaster Gardner also stated that Ormiston did not leave a forwarding address.

Special Agent J. M. Klees of the Aberdeen Bureau Office at Fargo, North Dakota on November 6, 1935, made inquiry at the Transient Camp and there interviewed a Mr. Curran J. Lynch who had charge of the Transient Camp, at Langdon, North Dakota and Mr. J. M. Klees submitted the following memorandum:

"Inquiry at the Fargo, N. D., Transient Camp developed the information that a party by the name of Robert Ormiston had registered at the camp on July 18, 1935, and was sent to the Transient Camp at Langdon, N. D., the next day. Ormiston gave the record clerk the information that he was born July 22, 1892, at Alexandria, Virginia. That he was a Biological Chemist and had been employed by the United States Public Health Service, in Washington, D. C., His description is given as:

Height	5' 10"
Weight	186 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Grey.

Mr. Curran J. Lynch who was in charge of the camp at Langdon was interviewed and stated he had seen a picture of Dr. Moran and stated that he was of the opinion that there was some resemblance between Ormiston and Moran and also said the same thing when a picture of Dr. Moran was exhibited to him by Agent. He stated he had quite a bit to do with Ormiston and found him to be a very intelligent type of person and very likeable. He said Ormiston had told him he was a Graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School and had been employed by the Veterans Bureau up until March of 1934. He had been at

various times at Washington, D. C., Marion, Ind., Bath, N. Y., and Boston Mass., with the Veterans Bureau. When Ormiston was given the position of Medical Advisor at Bottineau Lynch checked up his references, but he was known at any of the places he claimed to be known. Mr. Lynch supplied me same information as set out in the memorandum of Special Agent Allen of Oct. 24, 1935. He did however, give this Agent a number of sheets of figures that were written by Ormiston and which may possibly contain his fingerprints. Lynch assured Agent that he was sure the only people who had handled these papers were himself and Ormiston. Mr. Lynch advised that his fingerprints are on file with the War Department, under #1134983 taken at Fort Sam Houston Texas, under the name of Curran J. Lynch, also that he had been printed by the Los Angeles, California Police Department.

These records are of no value and it may be possible that the Technical Laboratory may be able to develop latent prints on them and compare them with the known prints of Dr. Moran and Lynch and definitely determine if Ormiston is really Dr. Moran. They are being forwarded herewith for transmission to Washington.

Mrs. Martha Brevid and Mr. Lynch, both Case workers with the Fargo Transient Camp advised that they had heard nothing from Ormiston since he left Langdon, N. D., but would advise the Aberdeen Bureau Office if they received any information as to his present whereabouts.

The handwriting specimen obtained by Agent J. M. Klees mentioned above and which may possibly contain fingerprints for comparison with subject Moran's fingerprints are being transmitted to the Technical Laboratory for such examination. There is also transmitted to the Technical Laboratory additional handwriting specimens of subject Ormiston.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, it is suggested that inquiry be made at Alexandria, Virginia where Ormiston claimed he was born July 22, 1892. It is also suggested that inquiry be made at the United States Public Health Service, Washington, D. C., Ormiston claiming that he was a Biological Chemist, and employed by that institution.

THE DETROIT BUREAU OFFICE should make inquiry at the University of Michigan Medical School to determine whether Ormiston was a graduate of that school and whether there is such a person.


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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-2**

REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE 11-6-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-6-35	REPORT MADE BY J. E. JONES
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Inquiry at 910 South Second Street, Elkhart, Indiana, discloses that said address is that of father and mother-in-law of E. J. Ringler; that Ringler visited them from May 4, 1935 to November 1, 1935, when he and his wife left for Port Orange, Florida, where they are supposed to be at present. Specific address not secured. No other information obtainable.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Report Special Agent R. B. Donaldson, Jacksonville, Florida, 10-14-35. Letter Chicago Office to Indianapolis Office, 11-4-35.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>AT ELKHART, INDIANA</p> <p>In an effort to locate E. J. Ringler for the purpose of securing information relative William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, Agent called at 910 South Second Street which is the address of the father and mother-in-law of Mr. Ringler. Both of these parties, an aged couple, advised Agent that Mr. Ringler and his wife left Elkhart for Port Orange, Florida, November 1, 1935, having been in Elkhart since May 4, 1935. Neither Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer, above mentioned, were able to furnish the specific address of Mr. Ringler at Port Orange, Florida.</p> <p>Agent ascertained that neither Mr. or Mrs. Sawyer had any knowledge of instant matter inasmuch as Mr. Ringler had not discussed same with them. They advised that Mr. Ringler is a carpenter and receives his mail addressed to "Port Orange, Florida". No other information could be obtained.</p>			
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JACKSONVILLE OFFICE

At Port Orange, Florida, will interview Mr. E.L. Ringler, a carpenter, in accordance with the lead directed to the Indianapolis Office in report Special Agent R.B. Donaldson, Jacksonville, Florida, dated 10-9-35, Jacksonville File #7-24.

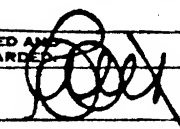
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

JAX FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE 11-8-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-31-35	REPORT MADE BY F. F. Yearsley
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. #1238; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: E. A. Mead is not William E. Meade. Ruth and Ada Potts are not sisters, but sisters-in-law and the man thought to be Will Potts is William A. Perry, brother of Ruth Potts. Perry left Sarasota, Florida about 10-22-35 apparently for his home in East Chicago, Indiana.			
REFERENCE: Bureau letter October 25, 1935 and report of Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, Jacksonville, Florida, October 19, 1935.			
DETAILS: Mr. and Mrs. Gus K. Stevens, owners, operators and residents of the Louise Apartments, Laurel Street, Sarasota, Florida, are according to A. J. Knight, Clerk, United States Post Office, Sarasota, Florida, identified in the reference report, good honest, reliable, truthful and trustworthy people. Based upon this information Agent interviewed both Mr. and Mrs. Stevens at the Post Office in Sarasota, Florida and displayed to them the photograph of William E. Meade and both advised they had never seen William E. Meade or any one resembling him by photograph or description in and about the Louise Apartments.			
Concerning Mrs. E. A. Meade, the Stevens advised that she had been a winter resident of Sarasota, Florida for several years, but had never before resided at the Louise Apartments, nor had she been personally known to the Stevens before September 15, 1935, when she took up residence at said apartments. At the time of taking residence at the Louise Apartments, Mrs. E. A. Mead advised the Stevens that she had			
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about one week prior thereto come to Sarasota, Florida, from her home in Chicago, Illinois and had during this week resided at the Villa Goodrich Hotel, Sarasota, Florida, mentioned in the Reference Report. Since the time that Mrs. E. A. Mead has resided at the Louise Apartments, she has become quite friendly with the Stevens, her apartment being just across the hall from that of the Stevens. Mrs. Stevens has learned from Mrs. E. A. Mead that the latter's husband is in business in Chicago, Illinois and connected with the Mead and Wheeler Company, Furniture & Filing Equipment, Main Store, 610 South Michigan Avenue and the Used Furniture Division at 1022 South Wabash Avenue, both in Chicago, Illinois. Further, that Mr. E. A. Mead has never been a visitor in Sarasota, Florida. Mrs. Stevens then stated that Mrs. Mead has shown her a photograph of Mr. Mead which photograph hangs on the wall over the radio, and which photograph does not bear a resemblance to William E. Meade.

Through the cooperation of Mrs. Stevens, Agent was able, in the absence of Mrs. E. A. Mead to closely observe the photograph of Mr. E. A. Mead and it can be definitely stated that if the photograph observed is that of E. A. Mead, he is not the same individual as William E. Meade.

Mrs. Gus K. Stevens then advised that Glad Mead was an adopted daughter of Mrs. E. A. Mead and had resided in Sarasota, Florida, for several years, having graduated from the local high school a few years ago. The fact that Glad Mead is not the daughter of Mrs. E. A. Mead, was made known, according to Mrs. Stevens, by Mrs. W. L. McDonald, nee Doris Kindt of Sarasota, Florida, who formerly resided in Chicago, Illinois and was at that time a close friend of the Mead family, but who has recently had disagreements with the family.

Mrs. W. L. McDonald was located at the Snack Shop, Sarasota, Florida, and upon displaying the photograph of William E. Meade to her, she insisted that it was not the photograph of E. A. Mead, adding that if anything she could say would embarrass the Meads, it would please her, as they had caused her embarrassment and she had no use for them. She agreed to keep the fact that she had been contacted by Agent confidential and it is felt that she can be relied upon in this connection.

Mrs. W. L. McDonald described E. A. Mead as a man about 5'7 1/2" tall, light brown hair and fair complexion and weighing about 174 pounds, rather stout build and a man about 45 to 50 years of age.

Concerning the associates of Mrs. E. A. Mead, the Stevens advised that very seldom did she have any male companions call at her apartment and that if she was keeping company with anyone, she met them elsewhere. Mrs. E. A. Mead is, according to the Stevens, a close friend of the Potts women, as she visits them often and these women also call at the Mead Apartment frequently. -2-

The photographs of the subjects of this case were also displayed to the Stevens and they insisted that such persons had never appeared at the Mead apartment and they had never observed such persons in or about Sarasota, Florida.

Mrs. E. A. Mead does not have a telephone and on numerous occasions uses the telephone of the Stevens, but has never made or received any long distance calls over this telephone. According to Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Mead receives frequent special delivery letters from her husband in Chicago, Illinois and these letters contain small sums of money for expenses which indicates to Mrs. Stevens that the Meads are not any too strong financially.

Mrs. E. A. Mead is described by the Stevens as follows:

Age 58, 5'4" tall, 130 pounds, gray hair, eyes light and portion of teeth false. Further description is as appears in the reference report.

It might be here stated that Frank Roberts, a nephew of Captain Clarence Roberts, is keeping company with Glad Mead, it being recalled that Captain Clarence Roberts is intimate with Ruth Potts.

While in Sarasota, Florida, Agent contacted Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bright, identified in the reference report and they advised that they had not observed any one visiting the Potts Women except Captain Clarence Roberts. Further, that Ruth Potts has now advised that Ada Potts is not her sister, but her sister-in-law, they having married brothers. Further, that the man visiting them and who was thought to be Will Potts was William A. Perry of East Chicago, Indiana, a brother of Ruth Potts, and that he departed from Sarasota, Florida, with his wife on October 22, 1935, apparently to return to his home in Indiana. Further questioning of the Brights failed to develop further information at this time.

Post Office Clerk A. J. Knight and Mail Carrier W. O. Williams, Sarasota, Florida, identified in the reference report, were also interviewed, but had no further information. It might be stated that both these persons are on the lookout for any strangers or cars which might appear at the Potts home in Sarasota, Florida.

As a result of the mail covers placed, as reflected in the reference report, numerous tracings have been received and have been forwarded to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley regularly.

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
November 9, 1935

Mr. John J. Ryan
Superintendent
U. S. Detention House
Milan, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1218; et al;
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith two letters; one written by Synona Burdette, an inmate of your institution, to Mrs. C. R. Jones; and the other written by Mr. John Karpavicz to Dolores Delaney, an inmate of your institution.

The contents of these letters have been carefully scrutinized and appear to contain no information of value.

Thanking you for your interest and co-operation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

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W. J. West
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
November 4, 1935.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

RE: **Confiscated Automobiles.**

Dear Sir:

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I have before me the Bureau's letter of the instant (62-28539) regarding the proposed disposition of confiscated automobiles now held by the Jacksonville Office. In this letter a statement that efforts are being made by the Bureau to have these cars transferred to some other Government agency or department. Inasmuch as there appears to be a conflict in the plans for disposing of these cars, I hasten to request additional instructions from the Bureau.

It will be recalled that under date of September 4, last, the Bureau directed me to take steps with a view of turning the Buick coupe, motor number 2884746, into the Fred Barker estate, and also to have Duke Randall contacted in New Jersey with a view of returning to him the Ford coupe, motor number 18-1037480.

With respect to the Buick coupe, the plans in connection therewith have progressed to the point where apparently both oral and written acceptance of same have been officially received by the Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau Office at Kansas City, Missouri, and in that connection under date of October 23, 1935, the Special Agent in Charge at Kansas City wrote the Bureau to the above effect, sending me a copy of said letter, which clearly indicated that a representative of the Barker estate would make a trip from Joplin, Missouri, to Jacksonville, Florida, for the purpose of receiving custody of this Buick coupe. I am daily expecting this representative to arrive, and was in hopes of immediately relinquishing this Buick coupe. However, if the Bureau has decided differently on the matter, I think the Jacksonville Office should be immediately advised by telegraph. It also occurs to me that the Kansas City Office should be similarly advised so that an official representative of the Barker estate will not make an unnecessary trip from Joplin, Missouri, to Jacksonville, Florida.

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Director,

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With respect to the Ford coupe above mentioned, I was laboring under the apprehension that we had perfected an agreement with Duke Randall whereby this car would be delivered to him, and the only matter not definitely decided upon was whether he would come to Jacksonville and get the car or whether the Bureau would arrange in some manner to have it delivered to him in Newark, New Jersey. All of this seems to be covered in a letter from the Trenton Office dated October 31, 1935, to the Jacksonville Office, and it appears that emphasis is placed on this arrangement in view of a certain letter written by Henry Randall to the Jacksonville Office, same being quoted in my letter dated October 15, 1935, to the Trenton Office.

If the Bureau has now decided to abandon these previous plans and adopt another course in disposing of these cars, I think the Jacksonville Office should be immediately advised before some one calls here to take custody of these cars in accordance with arrangements that have been officially perfected in the past, as outlined above.

Very truly yours,


R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc: Mr. Connelley, Chicago.
St. Paul
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Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

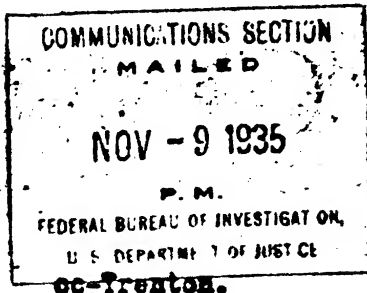
Dear Sir:

This is to confirm telegram of November 8, 1935, informing you that it will be satisfactory to release the Buick Coupe which was seized in connection with the Bremer Case to the representative of the Barker Estate who proceeded to Jacksonville from Joplin, Missouri for that purpose, providing the approval of the United States Attorney is secured.

The Trenton Office has been directed to re-interview Henry (Duke) Randall and ascertain whether he will take possession of the Ford Coupe, Motor No. 18-1037480, which was seized from him in connection with the Bremer Case. The Bureau will not stand the expense of transporting this car from Jacksonville to Newark, New Jersey.

Efforts to transfer this car to another Government Department will not be made at this time, pending information from the Trenton Office.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. W. L. Listerman,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
827 Broad Street National Bank Building,
Trenton, New Jersey.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Jacksonville Office addressed to your office, dated October 15, 1935, concerning Ford Coupe, motor No. 18-1037480, seized from Henry (Duke) Randall in connection with the Bremer Case. It appears therein that Special Agent H. D. Willis used poor judgment in interviewing Henry (Duke) Randall by informing him that the Government was returning his car to him and asking him where he wanted it shipped. The Bureau will not transport the car from Jacksonville to Randall's home in Newark, New Jersey. Randall should be contacted again and it should be definitely ascertained from him whether he will personally proceed to Jacksonville and obtain the car. In the event Randall does not intend to take possession of the car at Jacksonville, efforts will be made by the Bureau to transfer the car to some other Government Agency or Department.

This matter should be given immediate attention and the Bureau and the Jacksonville Office should be informed concerning it.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Jacksonville.

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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

November 7, 1935

Time - 8:50 PM
November 6, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Preston Paden

Mr. McGarraghy of the Identification Unit called the writer and stated that two fingerprint cards were received reflecting the arrest of Preston Paden and Doris O'Connor at Topeka, Kansas, on November 5, 1935, on a charge of investigation.

The writer immediately communicated with Supervisor McIntire, who stated the Bureau was no longer interested in the whereabouts of Preston Paden, son of Edna Murray - and Doris O'Connor.

Respectfully,

E. L. Richmond
E. L. Richmond.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
November 8, 1935.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of October 9, 1935 (7-576), in connection with Buick coupe, motor number 2884746, which was the property of Fred Barker and which came into the possession of Special Agents of this Bureau on January 16, 1935.

Please be advised that today Mrs. Frank Dixon, with proper papers of identification, called at the Jacksonville Office informing that she had been delegated by her husband, Frank Dixon, who, with George Barker, is an administrator of the estates of Mrs. George Barker and Fred Barker, deceased, to call at the Jacksonville Office and obtain the aforementioned Buick coupe, her husband, Frank Dixon, having been previously advised by the Kansas City Bureau Office that this car would be turned over to a representative of the administrators in event such representative called at the Jacksonville Office.

I advised Mr. H. L. Richmond, of the Bureau, in the absence of Mr. Tamm, by long distance telephone today of the aforementioned facts. The call was made at 10:30 A.M. Mr. Richmond suggested that I contact the United States Attorney and, in event he approved of turning this car over to Mrs. Dixon, and if I did not hear from the Bureau to the contrary by 11:30 A.M., the car be turned over to Mrs. Dixon.

I contacted Edith House, Assistant United States Attorney here, who approved of this procedure. The car was released to Mrs. Dixon. I am enclosing a copy of the receipt obtained for same from her. When the car was released the speedometer showed 26,512 miles.

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At 2:00 o'clock this afternoon I received the Bureau's teletype advising that it was satisfactory to release the Buick coupe to a representative of the Barker estates in the United States.

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States Attorney approved. In the same teletype I advised the Bureau that the United States Attorney had approved, proper receipt had been secured, and the car released.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

RAA:C

Enclosure.

Cc: Mr. Connelley
St. Paul
Cincinnati
Kansas City.

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412 U. S. Court House & Post Office Building,
Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

November 8, 1935

This is to certify that I have been instructed by my husband, Frank Dixon, care of Tri-State Oil Company, East Seventh Street, Joplin, Missouri, who with George Barker is administrator of the estates of Mrs. George Barker and Fred Barker, deceased, to call at the Jacksonville office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and obtain from R. A. Alt, Special Agent in Charge of said Bureau at Jacksonville, Buick Coupe, Motor Number 2884746, Serial Number 34507, bearing Florida License Tag Number D-457, which car was taken into temporary custody by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the time of the investigation to apprehend Kate and Fred Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, on January 16, 1935.

I further certify that on this date, November 8, 1935, above-described Buick Coupe was received by me from R. A. Alt, I acting as a representative of George Barker and my husband, Frank Dixon, administrators of the estates of Mrs. George Barker and Fred Barker, deceased.

Signed:

Mrs. Frank Dixon
Mrs. Frank Dixon

Witnesses:

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

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November 8, 1935

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID 12-13-N.

With reference to the Bureau's letter of the 1st instant (7-576), concerning the complete criminal record of William Elmer Meade, please be advised that from an inspection of the docket maintained in the office of the United States District Court Clerk at Jacksonville, Florida, under Case #1887, it was found that an indictment was returned and filed December 15, 1922, against H. C. Howard alias Leon Felix, one Brady alias William A. Shaw, and one Clark alias W. Elmer Mead. Indictment charged a violation of Section 215 of the Penal Code. Bond in the sum of \$10,000.00 was supplied by Mead and on April 2, 1934, when the defendant did not appear the bond was estreated and capias was issued for him, which is outstanding at the present time.

As a matter of possible further interest in the search for Meade, the bond was supplied by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company and was taken August 24, 1933, before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker of Chicago, Illinois. At that time Meade gave his address as 1533 North Fargo Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Bond has since been collected by the Government.

As to the other two defendants in the case with Mead, Shaw received a suspended sentence of two years in Atlanta and \$1,000.00 fine, and Felix on September 17, 1934, was sentenced to serve eighteen months in the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Disposition as to Meade's arrest at Miami, Florida, on December 18, 1920, will be reported on a disposition sheet as soon as the data can be obtained.

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Very truly yours,

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cc St. Paul
Cincinnati
E.J. Connelley at Chicago
Jax #7-24

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

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ADDENDUM: Since above letter was typed, data have been received concerning Meade's arrest as J. W. Reed, with aliases, at Miami, Florida, on December 18, 1920, charge-suspicious character (con). Appropriate disposition sheet has been prepared

DISPOSITION SHEET

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 8, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL
with aliases, I.O. 1236 et al -
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KID-
NAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

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Recently while Special Agent John L. Madala of this
office was in the Federal Building at Chicago, Illinois he met Mr.
WILLIAM MARKHEIM, who in 1934 furnished valuable information which
ultimately resulted in the location and apprehension of HELEN
FERGUSON alias Helen Christman, a close associate of Kate Barker,
and paramour of Earl Christman, now deceased. It might also be
stated that Mr. Markheim provided the first information indicating
that Helen Ferguson before her arrest by Bureau Agents at Chicago,
Illinois was living with one JOHN BURKE, a stage hand working at one
of the larger Balaban and Katz theatres in Chicago, Illinois.

On the occasion of the above mentioned meeting Mr.
Markheim inquired of Agent Madala as to whether John Burke had as
yet been arrested, stating that he recently heard that Burke's
correct name is John Ryan, and that he is a "lamster" from New
York City. He further advised that it is his information that
Burke is a native of either New York or New Jersey and that he is
an escape from Sing Sing prison, although he is not certain as to
the latter. He advised that to his knowledge Burke is still em-
ployed at the Uptown Theatre at Broadway and Lawrence Avenues in
Chicago, Illinois.. He would not divulge the source of his information
regarding this matter but stated that it came from a very reliable
source. It might be stated at this point that informant Markheim is
in the bail bond business and it is believed in view of his contacts
with the gangster element that this information was received by him
through underworld circles.

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Immediately upon receipt of the foregoing Special Agent Madala communicated with Mr. Elmer C. Upton, Comptroller of the Balaban and Katz Theatre Corporation at Chicago, Illinois with a view to determining whether John Burke is still in the employ of that organization. Mr. Upton has custody of the payroll records of the Balaban and Katz units in Chicago and can very readily determine whether a certain person is in the employ of that organization. He advised that his records disclosed that John Burke has not been on the payrolls of the Uptown Theatre or any other Balaban and Katz units since August, 1934, and that he knows of his own personal knowledge that Burke has not put in an appearance at the Uptown Theatre since his alleged wife (Helen Ferguson) was arrested. He stated that inasmuch as he has previously assisted the Bureau in this matter, out of curiosity he occasionally inquired of the various employees at the Uptown Theatre concerning Burke, but no one appeared to have heard anything about him since August of last year. He stated that Burke completely dropped out of the picture.

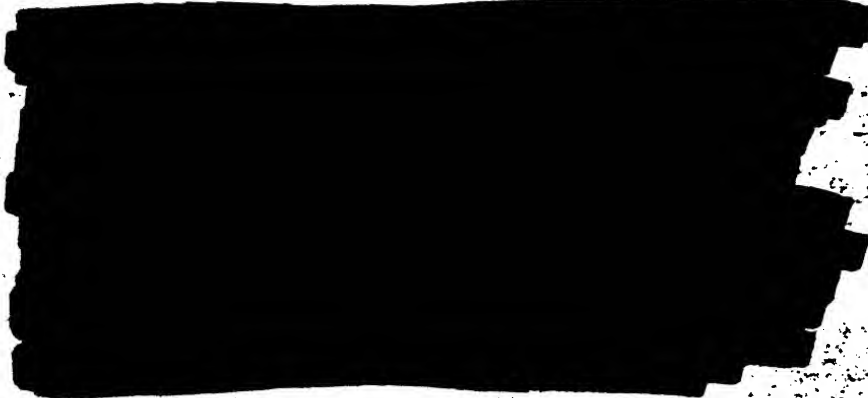
On November 8, 1935 Mr. Upton telephoned the Chicago Bureau office and advised Agent Madala that he had recently heard that John Burke was arrested by the Chicago Police Department on a charge of burglary, and that he was later removed to Sing Sing prison, from which place he had at one time escaped. He stated that he received this information from Grant Johnson, formerly of the Scene Shifters at the Uptown theatre, and long a friend of John Burke. He referred Agent Madala to Mr. Johnson for detailed information regarding this matter.

Mr. Johnson was subsequently interviewed in the office of Mr. Upton and advised that a few months ago he heard from the Police officer stationed at the Uptown Theatre that John Burke was arrested on the west side of Chicago for burglary, and later was removed to New York State where he escaped from Sing Sing prison many years ago. He further advised that he had not seen Burke since August, 1934 and that the information concerning his arrest was the first word he had received concerning Burke since that time.

It might be stated at this point that previous investigation at the Balaban and Katz Corporation disclosed that John Burke was employed with that organization from 1928 to August of 1934; that he was a member of the Scene Shifters Union, an affiliation of the Motion Picture Operators Union in Chicago since 1926.

Agent Madala ascertained at the Bureau of Identification, Chicago Police Department that John Burke under the name of John Ryan was arrested on July 18, 1935 by officers Lynch and McEntee of the Chicago Police Department for petit larceny; that at the time of his arrest Ryan gave his address as 825 Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois. The records further disclosed that Ryan was tried before Judge McCarthy in the Criminal Court, Cook County, Chicago, Ill. and was found guilty and sentenced to serve sixty days in the House of Correction. On August 5, 1935 a motion to vacate sentence was granted by Judge McCarthy, and Burke was thereupon discharged and turned over to Officers of the New York State Penitentiary at Sing Sing as an escapee from that institution.

The following is the criminal record of John Burke as reflected in the files of the Chicago Police Department: bx



For the information of the New York Bureau office it will be stated that this office conducted quite an extensive investigation looking toward John Burke's apprehension during the time Helen Ferguson was detained at the Chicago Bureau office for questioning relative to the instant case. John Burke and Helen Ferguson were at that time living in a furnished apartment at 4540 Magnolia Street, Chicago, Illinois and on the day that Helen Ferguson was taken into custody by Bureau Agents, which was August 14, 1934, Burke according to the manager of the above apartment building disappeared, leaving all of his effects in the apartment. Surveillance was maintained at this address for three or four days but John Burke did not put in an appearance during that time, and inasmuch as he was merely wanted for

questioning concerning his cohabitation with Helen Ferguson, and since she later made a complete statement concerning her travels and associations with the Barker-Karpis gang, further effort looking toward Burke's location was discontinued.

When Helen Ferguson was questioned by Agents of this office she advised with reference to John Burke that she first met him on or about June 15, 1934 at the Ogden Club at Chicago; that he made an appointment with her to have dinner on the following night which appointment was kept. She stated that Burke later invited her to accompany him to Lake Okauchee, Wisconsin where they stayed at the cottage of William Markheim, the informant in this matter. She further advised that John Burke and she returned to Chicago, Illinois on or about June 19, 1933 when Markheim returned also, and after leaving Markheim in the loop they went to the apartment of one Jack Steinbecker 8030 Montama Street, Chicago, Illinois where they lived together for a few days. Helen Ferguson further advised that about the first of January, 1934 she and John Burke rented the apartment at 4540 Magnolia Avenue where they lived as man and wife until the time of her arrest on August 14, 1934.

Concerning the past history of Burke, Helen Ferguson advised that he knew nothing of her past criminal activities and associations with the Barker-Karpis mob, and that he was not acquainted with any of them. She stated that to her knowledge he had never participated in any criminal activities, and was strictly legitimate.

The foregoing information as furnished by Helen Ferguson is apparently untrue, as it was subsequently learned through an interview with Edna Murray, presently incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri that John Burke was one of Verne Miller's closest associates; that she first met Burke in St. Paul, Minnesota in the summer of 1930, shortly prior to the Hamm kidnapping, at which time she believes Burke began living with Helen Ferguson. Edna Murray stated that while in St. Paul Burke was in the constant association of members of the Barker Karpis mob; that a few weeks after the Kansas City massacre John Burke assisted Vivian Withis in moving out her effects from the apartment which she and Verne Miller had occupied in Oak Park, Illinois since January of 1933; that

she was present at this apartment when Burke assisted Vivian Mathis in this regard, and she later learned that Burke drove Vivian Mathis to New York City where she later contacted Verne Miller. Edna Murray further advised that it is her information that John Burke and a man named Jew Otto escaped from Sing Sing prison in 1925 or 1926 and that they went to the syndicate in New York City for refuge; that the syndicate in New York City subsequently sent them to Chicago, Illinois where they were taken care of by the syndicate in the latter city; that John Burke through the influence of the syndicate in Chicago, became affiliated with the Scene Shifters Union and since 1928 had been employed with the Balaban and Katz Corporation in Chicago as a scene shifter. She stated that although she is not certain, approximately \$100,000 was involved in the escape of Jew Otto and John Burke, and it is her belief that this money was paid by the syndicate of New York City.

In the report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey dated at Omaha, Nebraska March 15, 1935, information is contained on page 17 which was furnished by informant [redacted] that one Yen Yen Ryan alias John Burke is a close associate of Barker and Alvin Karpis and that it was thought that Ryan was then with Barker and Karpis.

For your information informant [redacted] was a close friend of Verne Miller and it is understood that [redacted]

In the light of the foregoing information it is believed that John Burke possesses valuable information regarding the activities and contacts of the Barker-Karpis mob and for this reason it is suggested that Burke be vigorously interviewed at Sing Sing prison by an Agent well conversant with the facts in this case.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Cincinnati
CC St. Paul

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit - Michigan

November 9, 1935

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; et al;
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below, copies of a letter written by Wynona Burdette, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, to Mrs. C. R. Jones, and copies of a letter written by Mr. John Karpavicz to Dolores DeLaney, who is also confined at the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

W. J. West

W. J. West
Special Agent in Charge

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Milan, Mich.
Nov. 5, 1935
Box 1000.

My loving sister and Nieces:-

I haven't quite got over the thrill of a treat - I was so happy. The only thing wrong was that the rest of you kids couldn't come too. I would sure have loved to have seen you. Oh, well, I guess I shouldn't expect everything nice to happen at once - any way it won't be so long till I get out & go home to stay forever & ever, I'm hoping it won't be any way. Esther looked so sweet and I just hated to see her go. I wanted to go home and be with you kids so badly, to work and play with all of you. I would be able to help a lot, wouldn't I? I would make you sit down on a nice soft cushion and watch while I washed clothes or scrubbed floors for you and if you wouldn't sit still - well, I don't know just what I'd do - probably scream. Wouldn't we have a grand time darling? Oh baby, and how!

Well, Millie, how are the babies? All well and happy I hope. I'll bet, Cecil is getting big now. It doesn't seem like he should be past four years old, but he is, isn't he? Give all my little pets a great big kiss and hug for me and have each one of them kiss you for me.

Honey, I really am terribly ashamed of myself for not writing to you last month. I have plenty of time to do it in but I just couldn't think of a thing in the world to say. I told Esther every thing there was and I was sure she would tell you all about it.

How is Eunice, Jimmie and Ruth? Have they been out to see you lately, or were you in to see them? Tell them to be sure and write me, real soon - Please.

I guess Esther told you how fat I was getting. I am just exactly 125 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. that's doing pretty good for me, don't you think? The clothes I was given when I came in here were pretty large on me then, and now, well, I'm not sure but I'm afraid that before long I won't be able to get into them. Another thing, Millie, can you picture me with glasses? It's pretty hard, isn't it? Whether you can or not, I am wearing them. Yes, I had my eyes examined about a month ago, and I could hardly believe it, but I am a little nearsighted. I was getting some awful headaches and just couldn't imagine what was causing them. I haven't had any since I got my glasses tho' so I guess it must have been my eyes all the time.

How are the kiddies doing in school? I imagine they are all pretty clever, aren't they? All of your babies seem to be able to do every thing they try awfully well. Aren't you just terribly proud of them, Millie?

I am about to run out of news. It's so hard to think of a thing to say with nothing new ever happening. When I first came here there

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were sixteen girls now there are twenty one and five of them are colored. That's not very many people to look at day in and day out without hardly a change, is it? There isn't room for any more either, so I guess it will be sometime before we see a new face in here.

We seem to be having the most disagreeable weather up here of any I've ever seen. Today it is raining - not heavy but a sort of drizzly rain. I would much rather it poured. We haven't had a bit of snow yet but it probably won't be long now. How is it down there? I hope it's nothing like this.

Darling, do you ever see Willard Hughes or any of the old bunch? I don't suppose you ever see Mr. Stanbrough, or Mr. Crane, ha, ha. Would they strut if they could see this, "Mr." business. Any way from their wife. Does Ruth have a sweet-heart? If so - what does he look like and how do they get along? (not meaning cucumber nose) as Ellen calls him - Oh, yes, is Ellen still with you? Give her a kiss for me and tell her to be a good girl. Well, Dear, I must close for now, It's about time to start sewing so for now goodbye and answer real soon, won't you!

I'll write again next month -

X)OX)OX)OX)OX)Ox so bye, bye. XO XO XO XO XO XO XO
XO XO XO XO XO XO XO XO XO XO XO XO XO Your loving baby
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"I love you" - kiss each other for me. Tell Eunice to write me this month, she missed me last.

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2842 north Francisco Ave.
Chicago, Ill.
Nov. 5, 1935

Dear Dolores:-

We received your letter, but we didn't answer sooner because of Raymond. You see, we planned on having him baptized, and didn't want to write till it was done. It would have been done a long time ago if there hadn't been so many promises made and so little or nothing done. We took him to church last Sunday. He was baptized in an Irish Catholic Church (St. Columkilles) by an Irish priest. The priest thought that as long as we (the Grandparents) were taking care of Raymond that it would be best for us to be his sponsors also. He was baptized Raymond Alvin Karpavicz. He was quite afraid of the priest and probably won't like him for a long time for putting the holy water on his head. He was all dressed up in a new blue & white outfit for the christening. It is too bad you couldn't have seen him as he looked so cute. He is getting bigger & brighter all of the time. He is starting now to wipe up the floors all over the house. It was pretty cold today and when he was brought in his nose was a pretty bright red. He was glad to get in. It doesn't hurt him tho' as he has plenty of warm clothing.

He behaved very well both ways on the trip. Your brother came over the other day for about 10 minutes. We are enclosing some of Raymonds hair as you asked us to do. Hoping you are well, I am Yours truly, John Karpavicz.

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November 9, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. J. McCLURE,
GENERAL AGENT.

The following explanation is submitted in justification of the chartering of an airplane from The Glenn E. Messer Company, Inc., of Birmingham, Alabama, costing \$247.50.

The chartering of a plane was imperative in connection with an urgent investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it being necessary to dispatch four Special Agents from Birmingham to Jacksonville, Florida, to take part in that case. This matter was of an emergency nature and entirely unforeseen. Having as its object the apprehension of Federal fugitives from justice, the investigative assignment was one that had to be carried out with all possible celerity. Any delay in the execution of the assignment would have reacted to the benefit of the fugitives who were being sought and prevented the completion of the investigation.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #879932.

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Post Office Box #2344
Boston, Massachusetts.

November 8, 1935.

Acting Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

Reference is made to your teletype message of November 7, 1935 with reference to request of Captain James T. Sheehan of the Boston Police, asking the Detroit Police to hold for extradition, Cassius McDonald, wanted for larceny of \$30,000.

Captain Sheehan was advised by Agent Plunkett of this office that the warrant for McDonald's arrest should be forwarded to the United States Marshal at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Inquiry at the Boston Police Department reveals that McDonald and three others have been identified as the parties who, on June 2, 1934, by means of the old pay-off swindle, took \$30,000 in cash from one John Capobianco, a contractor at 129 Chiswick Road, Brighton, Mass. The Boston Police advised that the other parties in the swindle are

John Bonfield, alias John Mack,
alias John McNamara, Boston BR #1010.

John Mobils, alias Pale, alias Allen,
alias Contello, Boston BR #1010.

The Boston Police have issued Wanted Notices bearing the photograph and fingerprints of these men, copies of which were sent to the Bureau.

The third party in this swindle is Charles Phillips, alias Al Caplan, and his photograph bears San Jose, California #8579. The fourth member of this gang was John Patterson, and Mr. Capobianco, on interview by Agent states that he is almost positive that the picture of Cassius McDonald is that of John Patterson.

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Sometime in May of 1934 Mobile interested Capobianco in building a large fence for the estate of the Detroit Dodge, at Bay Harbor, Maine. To close the deal Mobile brought Capobianco to Detroit.

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at the Hotel Island he met John Patterson, whom he believes was Cassius McDonald. Patterson approved the deal made by Mobilo, then the pocketbook swindle began when Mobilo found a wallet with the name "Al Caplan" therein. Caplan, of course, was the racing syndicate representative and the usual procedure was gone through. Bonfield enters as the party who placed the money on the races. Through this game, on June 1, 1934 Capobianco was induced to part with \$30,000.

Mr. Capobianco and his attorney, Phillip Adam of Boston, are presently considering a trip for the purpose of identification of McDonald by Capobianco, since the Boston Police will not obtain a warrant until he is positive. Mr. Adam therefore desires to know the date of the trial of Cassius McDonald, and to have arrangements made with Mr. Capobianco so that he may see McDonald and possibly identify him.

It is requested that the Boston Office be advised in this connection.

Photograph of Charles Phillips and Wanted Notices issued by the Boston Police on Bonfield and Mobilo, are being forwarded herewith.

cc - Bureau.
cc - Cincinnati
cc - St. Paul
cc - Chicago
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Very truly yours,

C. D. McKIM,
Special Agent in Charge.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

RM:HW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 31, 1935.

Time-1:20 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Suggestion concerning Kidnaping
Ransom Money

Mr. J. M. Keith, Special Agent in Charge of the Washington
Field Office telephoned and asked that the Director be advised
as follows:

"Pursuant to my suggestion of this date and your instructions,
I consulted Mr. Coffey as to previous steps taken towards arrange-
ments with the Treasury Department to grant the special series of
money containing a secret symbol for use in future kidnap cases,
thereby eliminating the present rather cumbersome system of sending
out lists of serial numbers on such bills.

"Mr. Coffey informed me that he did some time ago make
inquiries as to this, but that his efforts were then unsuccessful.
I asked him to find out whether it would be technically possible
to execute such a plan and to inform you as to the results. He
stated that he would do so as soon as possible."

Respectfully,

R. L. Moore
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November 8, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive,
I. O. #1218, et al; Edward George
Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING.

The Bureau has under consideration a plan for having the Treasury Department print two or three hundred thousand dollars worth of a particular type of money, which could be used in kidnaping cases to be paid to the subjects as ransom instead of regular currency. If this plan is followed through, it is anticipated that the money so printed will be practically identical with other money issued by the Government, except that it will have a particular identifying symbol thereon which will make it possible for banks or other financial institutions to readily identify such money.

The Bureau, of course, understands that there are many arguments both for and against the adoption of such a plan. It is felt, therefore, that this suggestion should be submitted to you and it is requested that you give the matter your immediate attention, advising the Bureau of your views and opinions with regard to such a plan.

In the event this plan is followed out, it is believed that this money could be retained in a safe depository in Washington, D. C. and shipped to any part of the United States where a kidnaping occurs. It is, of course, understood that if such money is made available to the victim's family, adequate security and collateral will be obtained from the family of the victim.

for and against the proposal, at an early date.

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Please submit your views on this subject, both

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al; 1935 P. M.
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The report of Special Agent W. E. Ramsey, Jr., dated at San Francisco, California, January 22, 1935, in the case of John Paul Chase, with aliases, et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; Murder of Special Agents E. P. Cowley and E. E. Hollis, discloses on page 19 an interview with Fatsa Negri. From this interview it is shown that during the latter part of September and the first part of October, 1934, "Baby Face" Nelson, his wife and Negri visited Toby Williams at the latter's hospital at Vallejo, California, the purpose of this visit being for Nelson to obtain some money which he had on deposit with Williams. Negri has advised that during the course of this visit, Nelson asked Williams if he knew where he, Nelson, could get in touch with Freddie and Ray (undoubtedly referring to Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis). At that time Williams told Nelson that if he, Nelson, would return to Vallejo in the spring of 1935, Williams would be able to arrange a contact with them and that Nelson could then get in touch with them. Negri also informs that on the occasion of that visit, Williams took Nelson into another room where he introduced Nelson to a person who was unknown to Negri, and that after this meeting Nelson informed Negri that this strange man whom he, Nelson, had met in the hospital was a good contact to get in touch with Freddie and Ray.

On the bottom of page 19 and at the top of page 20 of the above entitled report, Negri uses the following language:

"Now that I am talking about Freddie and Ray, I remember that on one occasion sometime during the latter part of 1933 or early part of 1934, I went into a bootleg joint operated by Soap Marine

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located at 34 Hyde Street, San Francisco and saw Soap talking to two girls who were strangers to me. I said 'hello', as I usually do and they gave me the cold shoulder. Later on, Bones (Louis Tambini), bartender for Soap, took an automatic pistol from a drawer in the back bar and showed it to me and said that it belonged to an eastern mob, the Ray Karpis and Fred Barker gang, I now believe. He, Bones, also said that one of this mob had been wounded in the arm and was or had been in the Vallejo General Hospital being treated. Soap also told me along about this time that he could have gotten me a job chauffeuring for this mob but that I looked too much like a hoodlum and they would all have been picked up. This gang was very good friends of Soap Marino, Tobe Williams and Bill Graham."

In line with the above mentioned information with regard to Soap Marino, reference is now made to the report of Special Agent E. R. McIntire dated at Chicago, Illinois, January 25, 1935, on page 21 of which there is disclosed an interview with Bryan Bolton. Among the numerous contacts of the gang, Bolton makes mention of the fact that "the gang's contact in San Francisco is 'Soap', last name unknown." This statement undoubtedly has reference to Soap Marino who is mentioned above. It is noted that neither the Portland nor San Francisco Office has received copies of this report, but it is not felt necessary at this time to furnish such reports since they contain no further reference to Soap Marino.

Reference is now made to the report of Special Agent W. E. Bolling, dated at Portland, Oregon, September 7, 1935, the report being submitted in the Bremer case. The said report discloses an interview with Thomas C. Williams, otherwise known as Tobe Williams, number 11524, United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington. The report discloses that Williams voluntarily admitted that during February, 1933, Alvin Karpis came to his hospital at Vallejo, California, and had his tonsils removed, remaining at the hospital two or three days. The report reflects that Williams did not know the Barker brothers, but Williams did recall that during the spring of 1933 he met Mrs. Barker at the races at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, and was with her during an afternoon. Williams also recalled that during the early spring of 1933 he met Mrs. Barker on the streets of San Francisco. Reference is now made to that portion of the statement quoted above made by Fatsio Negri, in which he advised that one member of the Barker-Karpis gang had been wounded and had been treated in the hospital of Tobe Williams at Vallejo, California. You will recall that while Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdette and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang were

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sojourning in Reno, Nevada, during October, November, and December of 1933, Harry Campbell's automatic pistol was accidentally discharged, wounding him in the leg. It is entirely possible that he may have been treated for this wound at the Vallejo General Hospital, although the Bureau has never been definitely apprised of this fact. It appears that the information of Fatsa Negri to the effect that members of this gang were in San Francisco during the latter part of 1933 or the early part of 1934 is only slightly inaccurate. It will be remembered that the members of the gang returned from Reno, Nevada, to St. Paul, Minnesota during the early days of December, 1933, where plans were then made for the abduction of Edward George Bremer.

It is desired that the Portland Office immediately assign Special Agent W. C. Ryan to the task of interviewing Tobe Williams at the United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, in view of the fact that Agent Ryan is thoroughly familiar with the facts in the Bremer case. Every effort should be made to develop all possible information from Tobe Williams which would lead toward the location and apprehension of Karpis and Campbell. Sincere efforts should be made to learn the identity of the person to whom Tobe Williams introduced "Baby Face" Nelson during the latter part of September or the first part of October, 1933, which person is alleged to be a contact for members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Williams undoubtedly has considerably more information in his possession than he disclosed to Agent Bolling as reflected in the report of that Agent dated at Portland, Oregon, September 7, 1935. In view of the fact that Williams perhaps does not have much longer to live, it is believed he may now be willing to furnish more complete details than he has previously disclosed.

As noted above, Negri declares that he saw Soap Marine talking to two girls. It is recalled that while members of the Barker-Karpis gang were residing in Reno, Nevada, they made several trips to California. Dolores Delaney, Wynona Burdette, Edna Murray, Kate Barker, and Paula Harmon were living with the said gang in Reno, Nevada, at that time. In the belief that some of the women members of the gang may have been taken to the "joint" operated by Soap Marine in San Francisco, California, there are transmitted herewith to the San Francisco and Portland Offices five assorted photographs of Kate Barker, three assorted photographs of Wynona Burdette, one photograph of Edna Murray, one photograph of Paula Harmon, and five assorted photographs of Dolores Delaney. It is desired that the photographs be immediately displayed to Fatsa Negri to determine definitely whether any of these

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persons were seen by him at the "joint" operated by Soap Marino on the occasion mentioned hereinbefore. It is further believed that these photographs will be of some assistance to the San Francisco Office in conducting its investigation with regard to Soap Marino.

The San Francisco Office should immediately give consideration to the information furnished above with regard to Soap Marino. Every effort should be made to ascertain through Marino or any of his contacts information leading toward the location and apprehension of Karpis and Campbell.

It is desired that the Portland and San Francisco Offices give this matter their immediate attention and submit a report covering this investigation not later than November 25, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #235643.

cc - San Francisco.

(With enclosures - photographs of
women members of Barker-Karpis gang.)
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago.
St. Paul.
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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 11/11/1935	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/8/1935	REPORT MADE BY R. P. BURROUSE RFB:MEH
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, WITH ALIASES, I.O.#1218, FUGITIVE, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

War Department has no record of the theft or loss of .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol #345,152; will circularize the nine Army Corps Areas and Arsenal; Office of origin and other interested Offices will be advised of the result of that action; reference report indicates pistol shipped June 25, 1935 by Colts Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company to Bush Terminal.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson dated at New York City, November 2, 1935.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. E. L. Kahlert, Field Division, Ordnance Office, War Department, advised he is unable to locate any record indicating the theft or loss of .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol #345,152. He will take immediate action to circularize the nine Army Corps Areas and Arsenal and the Office of origin and other interested Offices will be informed of the result of that action.

It is noted in the undeveloped lead in the reference report that the above described gun was shipped by the Colts Patent

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Firearms Manufacturing Company on June 23, 1918 to the Bush Terminal, Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. Kahler has explained that a very large percentage of all arms sent to the Bush Terminal during the World War period were for overseas use. The War Department has recently issued a circular, which in part, reads as follows:

"During the World War, as is generally known there were large numbers of firearms issued to troops destined for service in Europe, and in the rush of activities, during and immediately following the close of the War, there were a large number of these arms lost or stolen."

The circular, in part, further reads:

"The War Department ordered the discontinuance of maintaining a record by serial numbers of firearms manufactured and issued during the height of War activities in Europe in the year, 1918 and as a result of this, it is practically impossible to identify Government arms by serial numbers."

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 11/8/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/5/35	REPORT MADE BY Paul Hanson
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Pat Reilly, inmate of the U. S. Southwestern Reformatory, El Reno, Okla., denies that he went to the apartment of Volney Davis and Edna Murray at the request of Harry Sawyer and asked Davis and Murray to visit Sawyer at his farm. He denies that he has any knowledge of the facts in the instant case except what he has read in the newspapers. He claims that he does not know of Tom Brown or Bill Crumbley, police officers in St. Paul being implicated in this case. Reilly denies having any information whatever that would connect Tom Brown, Bill Crumbley or Harry Sawyer with the instant case but states definitely that he would not go to St. Paul and testify against these men regardless of what he knew about them.

REFERENCE: Copy of the personal and confidential letter to Special Agent in Charge E. E. Andersen, St. Paul, Minn., from the Bureau, 10/31/35.

DETAILS:

With respect to the letter of reference, Pat Reilly, an inmate of the United States Southwestern Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma, was interviewed by the writer for any information whatever he could supply regarding the activities of Harry Sawyer, Tom Brown and Bill Crumbley in connection with the instant case. Reilly advised that he is only casually acquainted with Tom Brown and Bill Crumbley; that he has had no personal dealings with them and knows nothing of their activities except that they are police officers in St. Paul. He said that he did not know of Harry Sawyer being implicated in the instant case in any manner and when confronted with the information set out in the letter of reference about Sawyer's requesting

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Reilly to go to the apartment of Volney Davis and Edna Murray and requesting them to visit Sawyer at his farm, Reilly stated that this is untrue and "a great imagination on the part of somebody." He admitted knowing Volney Davis, Edna Murray and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang as well as members of the Dillinger mob but denied that he had made this request of Harry Sawyer by asking Davis and Edna Murray to visit him at his farm. Reilly advised the writer, as he has done before, that he feels friendly toward Harry Sawyer who has granted him a lot of favors including the gift of the Green Lantern Night Club in St. Paul, and he advises that he would not tell anything about Harry Sawyer that would cause him any embarrassment or get him into any trouble of any description.

Reilly advised that as a matter of fact he was not indebted to either Tom Brown or Bill Crumbley and that under their administration his night club was raided and as the result of finding beer there he was compelled to close at midnight, whereas other clubs in the city were allowed to run as late as they wished, but in spite of this he claims to know nothing of Brown or Crumbley that would implicate them in the instant case. He admitted, however, that he would not disclose any information concerning them even if he were in position to do so.

Every method of approach was used with Reilly to no avail. While no inducement was held out to Reilly, he stated positively that all of the inducements in the world could not interest him in going to St. Paul and attempting to testify against Brown, Crumbley or Harry Sawyer. He said that any amount of money or all the promises in the world that could be made by the Attorney General or anyone else could not induce him to do this. It might again be stated that Reilly still feels that he is being persecuted instead of prosecuted in that he was sentenced to serve three years for harboring and is the only person, he states, in the United States, who received this amount of time for being implicated with either of these mobs. The writer endeavored to show him why this was in his particular case and how he is extremely fortunate that he did not get more time, and Reilly states that he does not blame the Government nor the Bureau but at the same time is still peeved because he is the only person who got more than two years as he states. He refuses flatly, however, to divulge any information about any person, stating that he has no information to give.

In spite of Reilly's attitude concerning the facts stated above, he still expresses a willingness to put Alvin Karpis on the spot if he is ever able to. He related again that Dolores, who is his sister-in-law, is a good girl and that she does not belong in a penitentiary, and he is very peeved at Karpis for being the cause of her being sent to the penitentiary for five years. He believes that when he is out of the penitentiary that he will be able to locate Karpis and, whenever he is released from the

penitentiary, he stated that he would make every possible effort to obtain the location of Karpis and transmit that information to the writer. Reilly said that he would do this regardless of when he got out of the penitentiary and, in connection with this, he advised that his case comes up for a hearing before the Parole Board this week, the week of November 4, 1935. Reilly believes that it will not be a difficult matter for him to get in touch with Karpis when he is released from the penitentiary and even believes that shortly after he is released Karpis will endeavor to get in touch with him. Reilly advised that he is not interested so much in the money the Bureau will pay for the confidential information which will result in apprehending Karpis as he is that Dolores will receive some consideration when she comes up for parole at Milan, Michigan. Reilly advised the writer that in the event that he is released on parole, he will communicate with the writer within the very near future after he is released and will immediately endeavor to secure some information resulting in the location of Karpis or at least an attempt in that direction.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; ET AL.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to my letter of October 12, 1935, and to telephone conversation had today with Mr. McIntire of the Bureau regarding a Minneapolis newspaper report that Cassius McDonald would not be tried with Harry Sawyer and William Weaver.

United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, when interviewed, stated that of course such a newspaper rumor was without foundation. He stated that after conferring with Judge Matthew Joyce, as related in the reference letter, it has now been agreed upon by the Judges in this district informally that the trial in this case should be tentatively set for January 6, 1936. At that time all three defendants, Cassius McDonald, Harry Sawyer, and William Weaver will be brought to trial. Mr. Sullivan stated that he had discussed the necessity of trying McDonald at the same time with Weaver and Sawyer quite frankly with Judge Joyce, advising him that it would be only by a joint trial that a successful prosecution might be insured. He desires that the decision of the Judges be held strictly confidential at this time inasmuch as their decision might be subject to criticism for postponing the trial until January 6, 1936.

Mr. Sullivan also desired to know the status of McDonald's removal from Detroit. I communicated telephonically with Special Agent in Charge W. J. West, and he advised that the Assistant United States Attorney who is handling the removal proceedings in Detroit would bring McDonald into court either on the morning of November 2 or November 4, 1935 to request that a removal warrant be issued.

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Mr. Sullivan was promptly advised of that development. Mr. Sullivan states that he will not rest easy until Cassius McDonald is removed to this territory, and that he would not be surprised if McDonald will now resort to dilatory tactics to prevent his removal.

The Bureau will be promptly advised of any further developments occurring in this district.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen
e.s.

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

cc Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago
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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

November 11, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

As a result of the cover placed on the mail
of Ada and Ruth Potts and Mrs. E. A. Mead at Sarasota, Florida,
the enclosed three mail tracings were received at the Jackson-
ville office:

Letter addressed to Mrs. Lillian [redacted]
Apts. #6, Sarasota, Fla.; marked "Report" [redacted]
New Haven, Conn.; Nov. 6, 1935; return address
[redacted] 816 Crown Street, New Haven, Conn., marked

(2) Letter addressed to Mrs. E. A. Mead, Louise Apts., #6,
Sarasota, Florida; postmarked Chicago, Ill., November 4,
1935, Englewood Station; return address: E. Mead, 10902
Edbrooks Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

(3) Letter addressed to Miss Bea Giroux, 143 W. 5th St.,
Sarasota, Florida, c/o Potts; postmarked Kankakee, Illinois,
November 6, 1935; return address: Kankakee, Illinois, 210 W.
W. Merchant Street.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

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PHONE. BREKID. NO DEVELOPMENTS IN OBSERVATIONS AND CONTACTS BEING MAINTAINED CHICAGO. SITUATION REFLECTS LETTER 11-6-35 DETROIT COVERING CONVERSATION MRS. R. D. WILSON WITH WYNONA BURDETTE AS TO FEARS MRS. WILSON AND ANOTHER SISTER MILDRED JONES OF POSSIBLE APPEARANCE CAMPBELL ANY TIME AND VISITS OF CAMPBELL TO HIS MOTHER AS TO WHICH WE HAD NO PRIOR NOTICE WARRANTS VERY DEFINITE ACTION OKLAHOMA CITY ON ALL THREE PLACES. OKLAHOMA CITY SHOULD ADVISE DEFINITE SETUP AND CONTACTS NOW ARRANGED AS TO THIS AND WHEREIN SAME FAILED TO GIVE NOTICE PRIOR VISITS TULSA. THE HOLIDAY SEASON NOW APPROACHING WILL INCREASE POSSIBILITIES FURTHER CONTACTS. OKLAHOMA CITY SHOULD ARRANGE IMMEDIATE SURVEILLANCE THESE THREE PLACES AS WELL AS ARRANGING INFORMANT FOR ADVICE.

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PHONE. BREKID - ON LATE AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 8, 1935 FRANK WHELOCK
CAPTAIN OF DETECTIVES, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, SIOUX CITY IOWA
TELEPHONED THIS OFFICE TO EFFECT HE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT AN
UNKNOWN PERSON LIVING WITH ONE JOHN DILLON AT SIOUX CITY IS SAID TO
BE IN POSSESSION OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE RANSOM MONEY PAID
BY THE VICTIM IN THIS CASE AND THAT IT IS BEING PLACED IN CIRCULATION
BY DILLON FROM TIME TO TIME AS HE RECEIVES IT FROM THE UNKNOWN MAN.
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SIOUX CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT NOW UNDER SUSPENSION, NAME NOT GIVEN, WHO IN TURN RECEIVED IT FROM AN INFORMANT WHOSE NAME BLEDSOE AND SMITH DO NOT WISH TO DISCLOSE. AGENTS FLOOD AND LOGAN THIS OFFICE WERE IMMEDIATELY SENT TO SIOUX CITY AND ARE PRESENTLY AT THAT PLACE CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION FOR THE ~~REX~~ PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF THE ORIGINAL INFORMANT AND LEARNING FROM HIM THE BASIS OF HIS INFORMATION AND TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF THE UNKNOWN MAN WHO IS SAID TO HAVE THE MONEY, HIS ANTECEDENTS AND CONNECTIONS. OTHER EFFORT IS BEING DIRECTED TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS IN THE HOPE OF DETERMINING IF ANY FIVE, TEN OR TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS PLACED IN CIRCULATION BY DILLON CONSTITUTE RANSOM BILLS.

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U. S. Department of Justice
827 Broad Street National Bank Building
Trenton New Jersey

November 11, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 9, 1935
(Bureau file #62-28539), concerning Ford coupe motor number 18-1037480,
seized from Henry (Duke) Randall in connection with the Bremer case.

Your attention is respectfully invited to the letter
dated November 8, 1935, addressed to you from this Office, in which
it was stated that Randall expected to be in Jacksonville, Florida,
within three weeks and desired to obtain his automobile at that time.
Therefore, no further action will be taken in connection with re-
contacting Randall in Newark, New Jersey, in the absence of further
instructions.

Very truly yours,

W. L. Listerman
W. L. LISTERMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Louis, Missouri
November 11, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St. N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases-FUGITIVE I.O.#1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases I.O.#1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.#1236; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM.
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Recently the Sheriff at Urbana, Illinois stated that an individual resembling "Doc" Moran in the Bremer kidnaping case was at Urbana. I dispatched Special Agent T. S. Ferguson to conduct the necessary investigation. An identification was not effected and the individual apparently registered a strenuous complaint and in order that you might be acquainted with full particulars should any inquiries be made in Washington, I am attaching hereto three copies of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent Ferguson in connection with this matter. I am also attaching the fingerprints which were taken and request that the fingerprints in question be checked with the files of the Bureau and this office advised as to whether the suspect has any criminal record and further that the fingerprints be forwarded to the St. Louis Office again at the earliest possible date because it appears that the suspect may possibly demand the return of his fingerprints immediately and I desire to have them available for him but not until they have been checked for possible criminal record.

If there are any further developments in this case I will advise you. Incidentally knowing Special Agent Ferguson as I do, I am certain his actions in the above case were proper and it appears from the memorandum attached hereto that the suspect himself caused all the difficulty by trying to create a scene.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Danville, Illinois
November 7, 1935

St. Louis File #7-43.

Memorandum to Special Agent in Charge
Re: Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from St. Louis Bureau office, under date of November 5, 1935, wherein this Agent was instructed to immediately contact Sheriff Clarence Roth, Urbana, Illinois, and institute a necessary investigation at that place, relative to a suspicious individual residing at Champaign, Illinois, under the name of J. D. Moran. Letter of reference further invited this writer's attention to Identification Order #1232--Joseph "Doc" Moran, wanted in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

Sheriff Clarence Roth was contacted this date, at Urbana, Illinois, with reference to the information rendered the St. Louis Bureau office, regarding this matter, and he advised as follows:

That he had received information from one Mrs. C. W. Hurd, 102 East Springfield Street, Champaign, Illinois, regarding a very suspicious individual who had engaged a room in her home. Acting upon Mrs. Hurd's information, Sheriff Roth visited the premises and searched the room of one J. D. Moran, and found therein two shot guns, and other evidences which led him to believe that the occupant of this room had been traveling recently in various sections of the country. Among some of the papers found in Moran's room, Sheriff Roth noted correspondence addressed to Mr. J. D. Moran, 8006 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, from Mrs. J. D. Moran, 119 East Fourth Street, Junction City, Kansas; another addressed to Mr. J. D. Moran, 4556 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; another to Mr. J. D. Moran, 115 West Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. There was also found among his personal effects, a letter addressed to Mr. J. D. Moran, from the American National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois, relative to an overdraft of Moran's account in this bank. Sheriff Roth stated that he also observed a postal card from the Chicago Post Office, advising Mr. J. D. Moran that a package was being held there "supposed to contain matter prohibited for importation", Section 2233, Postal Laws and Regulations, Chicago, Illinois. Sheriff Roth further stated that he checked the Illinois license of Moran's car, a 1935 Auburn, Maroon color sport Cabriolet; Motor Number EOC2137, and Illinois license Number 394567. This car was registered in the name of J. D. Moran, 4556 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Sheriff Roth advised that Moran had been in Champaign several weeks and had no obvious employment and his personal effects found in his room, and the quality of his car were such as to indicate that he was not a man of ordinary means; however, he was living in a very cheap rooming house rather than in the hotel or other locations in Champaign, which would seem commensurate with his outward manifestations of wealth. Sheriff Roth advised that his investigation indicated that Moran was quite friendly with a

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woman known as Miss Loretta Moran, who is employed in the Soil Erosion Service, at Champaign, Illinois. In summation, Sheriff Roth advised that he was very suspicious of this individual and felt that the facts under these circumstances warranted an investigation, inasmuch as he felt that this man was hiding from justice.

This Agent deemed it necessary to telephonically communicate with Mrs. C. W. Hurd, in whose home Moran had engaged a room and requested her to visit the Sheriff's office at Urbana, Illinois, for questioning concerning this matter. Accordingly Mrs. C. W. Hurd was interviewed at the Sheriff's office, at which time she advised as follows:

That she had an advertisement inserted in a local newspaper in October for the purpose of renting her room, whereupon on or about October 24, 1935, in response to her advertisement, two women whom she now knows as Miss Loretta Moran and Miss Ruth Major, both of whom are reported to be employed by the Soil Erosion Service in Champaign, Illinois, were driven to her home by a man whom she now knows as Mr. J. D. Moran. However, Moran did not enter the house immediately, as the two women inspected the premises and then called him from the car; and he observed the premises and then requested Mrs. Hurd to rent him a room, stating at the time that he had been a former inmate of the Burnham City Hospital, Champaign, Illinois, where he was confined for a nervous disorder. He stated at the time that he was employed by the Monarch Battery Company, Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Hurd stated that she became acquainted with Moran while he was an occupant in her home, and that he told her that he had been all over the country and had paid as much as One Hundred Dollars per day for a room in an exclusive hotel while on a recent trip to Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Hurd stated that he was only paying Three Dollars a week in her home and she could not understand why a man so obviously well-to-do should be living in such circumstances. She observed that he had expensive luggage, a fine set of golf clubs, fishing tackle, shot guns, a fine new car and always spoke as though he had been used to the best surroundings. Mrs. Hurd advised that a few days ago, Miss Loretta Moran had received some attention from another man in Champaign, whereupon Moran became furious and threatened to blow up the house and remarked at the time that "he had the things to do it with." Mrs. Hurd stated that he was violently angry at the time and spoke so authoritatively that she became quite alarmed and felt as if Sheriff Roth should be notified of this man's actions and other surrounding circumstances so that Moran's background could be ascertained.

Mrs. Hurd was asked to describe J. D. Moran and she gave the following description:

Age:	40
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	160
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Sandy
Eyes:	Dark
Complexion:	Fair

It should be noted in this connection that this description is quite similar to the description set forth of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Identification Order Number 1232. This agent thereupon exhibited to Mrs. Hurd the booklet containing Pocket Identification Orders and she selected therefrom Exhibit Number 15, that

of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, as being a true likeness of the man whom she described as being a tenant in her home, J. D. Moran. Mrs. Hurd advised that she was startled upon viewing this photograph. It should also be noted in this connection that Sheriff Roth observed a picture of J. D. Moran, whom he had never seen, in person, upon Moran's dresser when he searched the room as recounted above, and also identified Exhibit Number 15 in the Pocket Identification Orders as being similar to the likeness of Moran, whose photograph he had observed.

This Agent believed that the above circumstances warranted the observation and questioning of J. D. Moran, whereupon he, accompanied by Sheriff Roth, conducted a surveillance of the home of Mrs. Hurd, 102 East Springfield Street, Champaign, Illinois, without results. Mrs. Hurd was again contacted and she advised that Moran spent a great deal of his time playing golf and riding with Dr. W. H. Schowengert, of 1107 West Green Street, Champaign, Illinois, and that he left this morning, she believed, wearing riding boots and she presumed that he would be riding somewhere in the country. Inasmuch as the surveillance of her home proved fruitless, Sheriff Roth and the reporting Agent visited all stables in and around Champaign in an effort to find J. D. Moran for questioning. However, it was not until after dark this date that Moran was observed driving his car on Highway Number 45, headed south out of Champaign. Sheriff Roth stopped Moran in his car and he was requested by the Sheriff and reporting Agent to return to the Sheriff's office in Urbana, Illinois for questioning, whereupon Moran left his car in the custody of his young lady companion and returned to the Sheriff's office at Urbana. It should be noted in this connection that in the Agent's opinion and in the opinion of Sheriff Roth, J. D. Moran did bear a striking resemblance to Dr. Joseph P. Moran, wanted in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping. At the Sheriff's office at Urbana, J. D. Moran became infuriated and refused to answer any questions which this Agent and Sheriff Roth directed to him regarding his past activities and his presence in Champaign, Illinois. He advised that he had been employed at the Monarch Battery Company, Chicago, Illinois, and had been in Champaign, Illinois for his health. Moran was very indignant at his being brought to the Sheriff's office for questioning, and demanded to know the reason for his arrest and the charges pending against him thereupon. This Agent advised him that he was not under arrest at any time; that he was merely there for questioning due to the fact that he bore a striking resemblance to a subject which the Bureau of Investigation was desirous of apprehending for questioning in connection with a kidnaping case. Moran was advised that due to his striking resemblance to a person wanted in the above case, it was desired that he submit his fingerprints so that his identity could be positively checked. Moran became very abusive and very highly excited and insisted upon calling leading citizens of Champaign, Chicago, and Washington to check his past record. However, this Agent suggested that in the event that he did not prove to be the person sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he did not believe it necessary to cause this amount of publicity and that if he would offer his fingerprints for the purpose of identification, the matter would be held in the strictest confidence among those concerned. Moran consented only upon the condition that this Agent would give him a written receipt for two copies of his fingerprints, promising to return the originals, without making copies thereof, to him at 102 East Springfield Street, Champaign, Illinois, when his identity had been established. The above receipt was given to Moran, inasmuch as he became highly excited, calling for a doctor, etc., it being the opinion of the Agent at the time that this was the only means of securing Moran's prints and thus positively establishing his identity. It should be noted at this time that Moran was very abusive to both Sheriff Roth and the reporting Agent, threatening to sue

Sheriff Roth for false arrest and he took the name of this Agent and his immediate superior, Mr. R. E. Vetterli, and promised that he would do everything in his power to have this Agent dismissed from the Federal Service. He suggested at the time, the names of several prominent senators and politicians, whom he stated would exert every possible effort in his behalf to the end that the reporting Agent would be dismissed for an infringement of his rights, to wit: For apprehension and questioning him as a possible suspect in a kidnaping case. The reporting Agent wishes to advise that every possible courtesy was extended Mr. J. D. Moran during the period of the interrogation by this Agent and Sheriff Roth, and further, that although it was stated by Moran that he was a sick man and had been confined to the hospital for a nervous condition, it should also be noted that Mrs. Hurd advised above that he had spent a great deal of time riding and when apprehended by this Agent and Sheriff Roth, he admitted that he had just returned from the golf club. Under the above circumstances, it is not the opinion of this Agent that Moran was in such physical or mental condition as to prevent his being questioned as outlined above, although in the office of Sheriff Roth, Moran reached a very high state of excitement and called for a doctor. However, when Sheriff Roth consented to his demands, Moran became calm again and was given a drink of water and subsequently released. It was believed that the state of excitement evidenced by Moran was more or less an affected attitude on his part, although it was apparent that he probably has suffered at sometime from a nervous condition. The above questioning did not consume more than twenty-five minutes, whereupon Moran was driven to his home by a Deputy Sheriff on instruction of Sheriff Clarence Roth.

Prior to Moran's release, a comparison was made of his right index finger print with that of the right index finger print outlined under Exhibit Number 15 (Dr. Joseph P. Moran) Pocket Identification Orders and they were found to be dissimilar.

Two fingerprint cards bearing the finger prints of J. D. Moran are being forwarded herewith. However, your attention is again invited to the fact that this Agent promised J. D. Moran that these originals would be returned to him, after they have served their purpose of identification.

Very truly yours,

T. S. FERGUSON,
Special Agent, Danville.

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November 16, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 11, 1935,
relative to the interview with J. D. Moran, please be in-
formed that the fingerprints of J. D. Moran transmitted with
your letter have been searched through the files of the
Identification Division, which search fails to reveal any
original record for J. D. Moran.

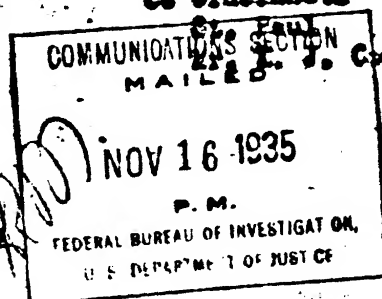
In keeping with the request contained in your
letter, duplicate copies of the fingerprints of J. D. Moran
are being herewith returned to your office for proper trans-
mittal to J. D. Moran in the event he makes a request for
them.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #809420

cc Cincinnati



J. J. Connelley, Chicago

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Cincinnati, Ohio.

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REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Florida.	DATE WHEN MADE 11-11-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-15-18-29-31 & 11-7-8-35	REPORT MADE BY B. F. Fitzsimons
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I. O. 1236; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I. O. 1239; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Andrew Gurante not located Halcyon Hotel and unknown to Postal officials, Miami, Florida. Freddie Freed disclaims acquaintance with William E. Meade and denies having ever seen him. S. E. Thatcher is not acquainted with Meade and his inquiry of Northampton, Massachusetts Police concerned the disappearance of his former business partner. West Flagler Kennel Club will not operate before February 2, 1936. Biscayne Kennel Club scheduled to open December 10, 1935. Mrs. L. F. Mead, Miami, is of high repute and no manner related to William E. Meade.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. P. Lacour, Jacksonville, Florida, August 16, 1935; report of Special Agent William J. McNulty, New York City, October 3, 1935; report of Special Agent Robert C. Handon, Atlanta, Georgia, October 9, 1935; report of Special Agent P. J. Cotter, Buffalo, New York, October 10, 1935; letter to Jacksonville Office, dated Chicago, Illinois, November 4, 1935.

DETAILS AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Through inquiry of the Manager, Halcyon Hotel, Miami, Florida, where Andrew S. Gurante usually lives while in Miami, it was ascertained that he has not registered there and has not been observed about the hotel.

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since he left there in April, 1935. He has not registered a local forwarding address with the Miami Post Office and does not receive mail at General Delivery. Arrangements have been made with both the management of the Halcyon Hotel and Post Office officials to notify the local resident Agent in the event Gurante locates in Miami.

By reference to the 1935 Miami City Directory it was ascertained that Charles Freed is reported as residing at 167 Northwest Forty-fifth Street, but Freddie Freed is not listed. Upon inquiry at that address on a previous occasion it was ascertained that the Freed family does not reside there and the occupant disclaimed acquaintance with the family. Interview was therefore had with Captain Frank Mitchell, Automobile Theft Bureau, Miami Police Department, who stated that he is well acquainted with Charles Freed, but did not know Freddie. However, he offered to cooperate in locating Charles and on November 7, 1935, he advised that Charles Freed was residing at 193 Northwest Fifty-eighth Street. Upon inquiry at that address, Agent was advised that Freddie Freed had returned to his mother's home, with her, at 167 Northwest Forty-fifth Street, the day after the hurricane (November 4, 1935), where he intends to remain permanently. Freddie Freed was located and, when interviewed, denied that he has ever seen William E. Meade and that he is acquainted with him either under his true name or known aliases. The photograph of Meade was exhibited to Freed and he denied that it resembled the likeness of anyone he has observed in his travels. He likewise denied acquaintance with Fred Flowers and association with him or Meade in his admitted gambling activities.

Charles and Freddie Freed formerly operated a cigar store in Miami on the corner of Sixty-third Street and Second Avenue, Northwest. They conducted extensive gambling until about three years ago when they were forced to abandon the illicit trade and as a result their cigar store suffered to such extent that they were forced to close. Although they are known in Miami as gamblers, neither has a criminal record on file with the Bureau of Identification, Miami Police Department. On the occasion of the interview with Freed he was engaged in salvaging gambling equipment damaged by the hurricane and which was stored in an old barn near the intersection of Northwest Fifty-eighth Street and First Avenue. When questioned concerning his plans for the coming season at Miami, Freed replied that he did not think he could operate because of the damage done to his equipment. However, it was quite obvious that his interest in salvaging his equipment was solely in anticipation of operating during the coming season. Freed stated that he intends to remain with his mother, Rebecca Freed, at 167 Northwest Forty-fifth Street permanently, and that they had previously been living with his brother Charles at 193 Northwest Fifty-eighth Street. In any event it is anticipated that Freed may readily be located through Captain Frank Mitchell should further contact with him become necessary.

S. E. Thatcher (not Tom E. Thatcher), President of the Banana Supply Company, Incorporated, 3052 Northeast First Court, Miami, Florida, was interviewed concerning his interest in William E. Meade when he was in custody of the Northampton, Massachusetts Police, under the alias of G. E. Carter, on or about July 12, 1935. Mr. Thatcher stated that he does not know William E. Meade and failed to identify his photograph as the likeness of any individual he has ever seen. His communications with the police and Sheriff of Northampton resulted from a coincidence, the details of which he related as follows:

For the past fifteen years, Thatcher has been associated in business with one George Henry Collister who, on June 7, 1935, sold his interest to Thatcher, settled his business affairs and stated that he intended to take a vacation and retire. He left Miami almost immediately and, on June 11, 1935, wrote to Thatcher from Charleston, South Carolina, and again, on June 19, 1935, from Philadelphia. In this last letter Collister stated that he intended to go North to "hunt and fish". His letter was very brief and it is the last communication anyone has had from Collister. Mr. Thatcher stated that for the past few years Collister has been suffering with a [redacted] that he went to Johns Hopkins Hospital and was advised that although there were no present indications of cancer it was possible the disorder might eventually reach that stage. Collister became despondent over this diagnosis and told Thatcher that he intended to retire and get away from everything and everybody forever; that he would hunt and fish where no one would disturb him and this reference, Mr. Thatcher interprets as meaning that Collister intended to commit suicide in some secluded spot since he had often remarked that he intended to die unattended and without any display. Before leaving Miami, Collister provided for his wife and took whatever assets he personally held from his safety deposit box in the First National Bank. b7c

On or about the time Meade was arrested at Northampton, Mr. Thatcher stated that he noticed a press account in a local paper concerning the arrest of a man at Northampton for improper registration of an automobile bearing a Georgia License; that he refused to disclose his true identity and told the police it was up to them to find out who he was. Believing the individual under arrest might be Collister, Mr. Thatcher telephoned to the police and asked for a description of the individual, since he claims Collister would have acted in that same manner in the event he became involved in any trouble and especially in his present state of mind. The telephone conversation, Mr. Thatcher claims, was not at all satisfactory and he could not be positive then that the man in custody was not Collister. The Chief of Police advised Thatcher that the prisoner was in custody of the Sheriff and suggested that he communicate with him for further information. Thatcher then wired the Sheriff and in reply was furnished with the description of Meade which did not coincide with Collister and Thatcher was positive it was not Collister because his eyes are blue and he advised the Sheriff then that he was not interested. A

photograph of Collister, which was on Thatcher's desk, was shown to Agent [redacted] and there is no resemblance whatsoever between him and Meade. Thatcher described Collister as about fifty-seven years of age, six feet in height, 170 lbs, sandy hair, partially bald in front, brown eyes and a conservative dresser. Mr. Thatcher stated that the disappearance of Collister has been given no publicity whatever; that to his knowledge he, Collister's wife and a few of his most intimate friends are the only persons having knowledge thereof and that they desire to hold the matter in secrecy because of fear that Collister will commit suicide if he learns that he is being sought.

W. L. (Bill) Huntley, President of the West Flagler Amusement Corporation, 1106 Congress Building, Miami, Florida, stated that John W. Massner is presently in Cleveland, Ohio; that he will not arrive in Miami before the latter part of November or early December and that the West Flagler Kennel Club will not open for the season before February 2, 1936. Mr. Huntley has agreed to cooperate with the Bureau during the coming season in observing whether any of the fugitives and suspects in this matter may frequent his race track. During the conversation with Mr. Huntley it was ascertained that the Biscayne Kennel Club, which is operated by the Knight Brothers and Joe Adams, a subject herein, will open on or about December 10, 1935.

By reference to the 1935 Miami City Directory it was ascertained that Mrs. Leonard F. Mead resides at 311 Northeast Twenty-eighth Street. It may be stated that this is an exclusive neighborhood composed of permanent and reputable residents. When interviewed, Mrs. Mead admitted that she and a friend, Mrs. L. J. Cushman, were guests at the DeSoto Hotel, Savannah, Georgia, on September 24, 1935; that at that time they were enroute North on an automobile trip and they stopped at the DeSoto Hotel for one night, thereafter continuing their journey. Mrs. Mead denied any relationship to William E. Meade and, after having viewed his photograph, stated that it bears no likeness to anyone she has ever seen and does not resemble any of her husband's relatives. Mrs. Mead stated that she and her husband have resided at their present address for the past fifteen years; that he was formerly employed by the Internal Revenue Bureau in New York City, but is now retired. Mrs. Mead stated that Mrs. Cushman's husband is a reputable attorney in Miami and this was verified through inquiry of members of the local bar. It is quite obvious that Leonard F. Mead of Miami, and his wife, are not related to William E. Meade.

Through inquiry at the residence of Danny McFarland, 323 Northeast Seventeenth Street, it was ascertained that he is at present in Tallahassee, Florida, and will not return to Miami until the latter part of the week of November 10, 1935.

Delay in completion of the investigation requested to interview Freddie Freed at Miami was occasioned by reason of efforts to locate him between the period of October 15 and November 7, 1935.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD: THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE, at Miami, Florida, will keep in touch with McFarland and, through contact with W. L. (Bill) Huntley and John W. Massner, West Flagler Amusement Corporation, during the coming season, will endeavor to locate fugitives and suspects whose location in Miami may be established during that time. This will also include the Hialeah race track, Biscayne Kennel Club and other resorts patronized during the season.

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722 Midland Savings Building
Denver, Colorado
Nov. 8, 1935

Mr. P. C. Boyles, Postmaster
Gunnison, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Confirming a recent conversation had by you with
Special Agent L. M. Chipman, of this office, it is
requested that you place a cover on the
mail of Bill High and wife for a period of 30 days,
returning this cover with tracings of addresses, re-
turn addresses, postmarks, etc., and marking these
tracings with the notation, "Denver File 7-576-8005".

Thanking you for your cooperation and with kindest
regards, I am

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE
Special Agent in Charge

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE
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November 12, 1935

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim;
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is acknowledged of Bureau letter dated November 8, 1935, in the above entitled case, Bureau file #7-576, requesting that the signatures of C. E. Charles and Mr. and Mrs. William Meade at the Charleston Hotel, Charleston, S. C., be forwarded to the Bureau for comparison with the handwriting of William Elmer Meade.

Please be advised that the report of Special Agent A. B. Leckie, Charlotte, N. C., dated August 14, 1935, transmitted to the Cincinnati Office only tracings of these signatures and not the original registrations. These tracings are transmitted herewith to the Bureau in accordance with the request in the letter of reference.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC St. Paul
Chicago
Charlotte

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Case: BREKID

Number: 7-576-8006

Specimens: 7-576-8006 A. One piece of tissue paper bearing the following traced writing, "C.E.Charles. Savannah."
" B. One piece of tissue paper bearing the following traced writing, "Mr & Mrs Wm Mead Schenectady N.Y."

Examination requested by: Cincinnati Bureau Office

Date received: 11-14-35

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel #1

cc-St. Paul
Chicago
Charlotte
Mr.E.J.Connelley (Chicago)

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Date received: 11-14-35

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Major #2

cc-St. Paul
Chicago
Charlotte
Mr. E. J. Connelley (Chicago)

The submitted tracing of the handwritten signature "C. E. Charles, Savannah" is very probably identical with the known handwriting of W. E. Mead. But before an identification can be made, the original signature should be submitted so that the examiner may definitely ascertain whether or not any writing characteristics of the agent who made the tracing have unwittingly been inserted.

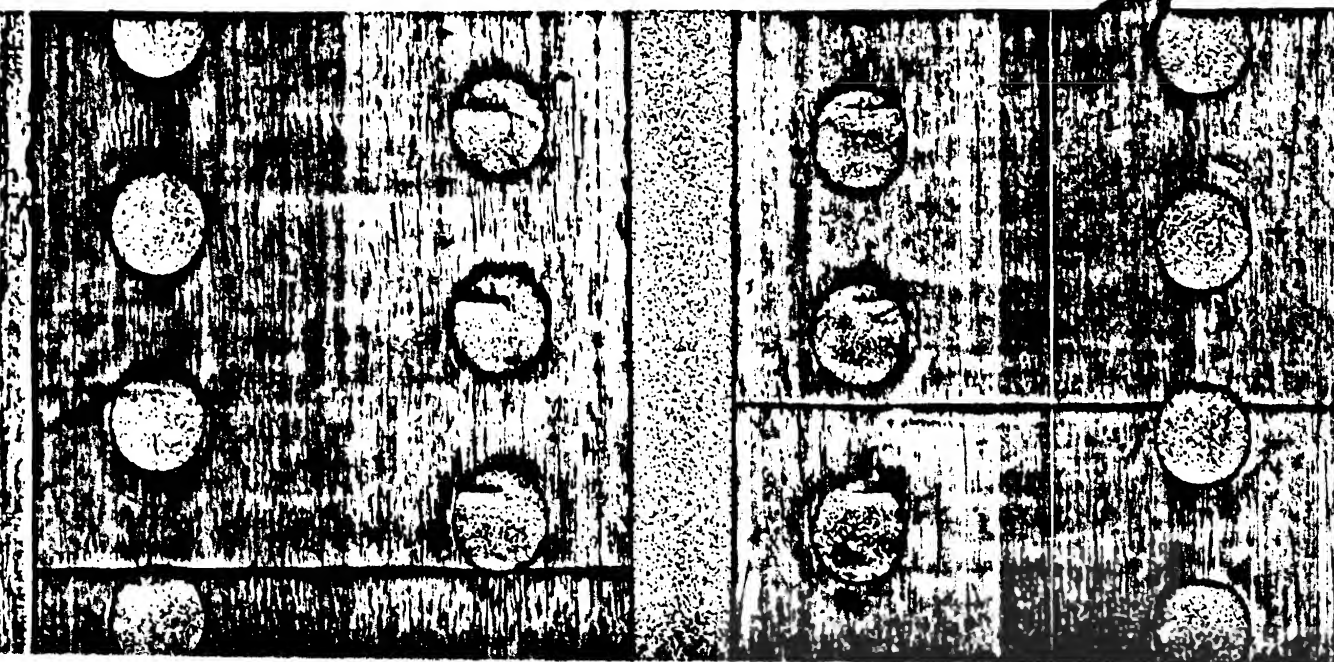
Differences between the signature "Mr & Mrs Wm Mead Schenectady N. Y." & the known

noting a resemblance of Meade with the handwriting
the probability that he did not write this,
however there are not as many characteristics
in common with the known specimens as
there are of the other signature to afford
an entirely adequate comparison.

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be submitted before a definite opinion
one way or the other can be made.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.

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November 11, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case

There have been no developments in this case
for the week ending November 9, 1935.

Agents at Toledo, Ohio, are keeping in touch
with confidential informants and close contact is being
maintained with [REDACTED]
Illinois. The surveillance at the John Karpavicz apart-
ment in Chicago has not proven productive to date.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-5**

REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 11-8-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-27, 28, 30-35	REPORT MADE BY L. M. CHIPMAN NK
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE I.O. #1818, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITI- VES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Billy Rich resides at Gunnison, Colo., and has reputation of being a petty bootlegger. No indications that any of the Subjects are in contact with Rich, and no information obtainable regarding parties known as "Opal" and "Charlie" who are in contact with Rich. Louis Alterie, about 1925 purchased the Sweetwater Lake Ranch, located near Glenwood Springs, Colo., but this ranch was foreclosed in 1932, by Paul Gregg, cartoonist for the Denver Post, Denver, Colo., and is now owned by him. No indications occupants of this ranch have any connection with underworld characters.



REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, dated 8-2-35, report of Special Agent Norstrom, Kansas City, dated 9-26-35, and Bureau letter dated 10-4-35.

DETAILS:

En route to Gunnison, Colorado, Agent was confidentially informed by Chief of

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Hugh D. Harper, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, who is a reliable Peace Officer, and who has always fully cooperated with the Bureau, that Sheriff Ed. Lindsley, and Undersheriff H. C. Crooks, of Gunnison, were reliable and experienced officers. He also stated that the City Marshal at Gunnison, Mr. Dutemeyer, is a reliable officer.

The writer discreetly interviewed Postmaster P. C. Boyles, of Gunnison, who stated that Bill Rich and his wife, Jessie Rich, have resided at Gunnison for approximately seven years; that Bill Rich is considered a petty bootlegger, but is not known to have any underworld connections of any magnitude, nor is he considered a sportsman. He stated that Rich recently has been doing common labor, and some trucking. Postmaster Boyles could furnish no information regarding the identity of "Opal" and "Charlie", mentioned in the report of Special Agent Norstrom. Agent exhibited to him the picture of C. J. Fitzgerald, and the various Subjects of this file, but none of them were recognized by the Postmaster as having been seen at Gunnison. The Postmaster further stated that he knows of no location, such as is described on page 8 of Special Agent Norstrom's report, where "Opal" and "Charlie" are said to reside. In this connection the Postmaster stated that he knows of only two dance halls in the county, one located approximately 12 miles northeast of Gunnison, and the other approximately 7 miles west of Gunnison, on the main highway leading west. Agent arranged for a mail cover to be placed on the mail of Bill and Jessie Rich. At the time of this investigation Sheriff Ed Lindsley was out of the city, and consequently was not interviewed. Undersheriff H. C. Crooks, upon being discreetly interviewed, stated that Bill Rich resides just out of the city limits, west of Gunnison, Colorado, and at present is doing some trucking; that he, Rich, during the prohibition days, was considered a petty bootlegger, but was not arrested while at Gunnison. He stated Rich and his wife, Jessie, have resided in Gunnison for approximately seven years, and that he believes Rich's wife came from Grand Junction, Colorado, but he does not know where Rich came from. He stated that so far as he knows, Rich is not considered important, and is only a common laborer; that he has formerly done some cooking, and that for a short time he and his wife operated a cafe at Gunnison. Undersheriff Crooks also stated that Bill Rich may have connections with petty criminals, but he doubts that he would have any criminal connections of any magnitude. Undersheriff Crooks described Bill Rich as follows:

Age	35
Height	5 feet 8 inches
Weight	160
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown
Complexion	Dark

Race	White
Occupation	Cook, trucker, and laborer
Features	Clean cut
Criminal Record	None known, but is said to be a petty bootlegger.
Residence	Gunnison, Colorado

Undersheriff Crooks described Jessie Rich as follows:

Age	32
Height	5 feet 6 inches
Weight	130
Build	Medium
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue and large
Occupation	Cook and waitress
Criminal Record	Not known, said to have come from Grand Junction, Colorado, and associates with prostitutes, and other low-type people.

Undersheriff Crooks further stated that there are only two dance halls in the county, which extends north and west over 50 miles, but most of which is inaccessible during the winter months. In this connection, the Undersheriff stated that the only open highway during the winter months was the one running east and west from Pueblo, Colorado, to Grand Junction, Colorado. One of these dance halls is located at Almont, Colorado, approximately 10 or 12 miles northeast of Gunnison, and which is owned by Frank Salisbury. The other is located on the main highway west of Gunnison, and is owned by Mr. A. Sutters. Mr. Crooks stated that both of these men are reputable, and that he has never noted any persons residing near these dance halls in the manner described on page 8 of Agent Norstrom's report.

Mr. Crooks further stated that he knows of no one residing in the vicinity of Gunnison, or of having resided there in the past, fitting the descriptions of "Opal" and "Charlie", but that he would make discreet inquiries, and would advise the writer at a later date. Prior to Agent's departure from Gunnison, Undersheriff Crooks was again interviewed, without results.

City Marshal L. H. Dutemeyer, Gunnison, could furnish no additional information of value. He stated that there was a woman living at Gunnison in July and August of this year who ran around with Bill Rich and his wife, and a local girl by the name of Gladys Moore. That this girl was a prostitute, and was described as follows:

Age	About 24
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Height	5 feet 8 inches
Weight	131
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark

This girl also associated with one Charlie Edwards, who is a local boy, and who also associates with Bill and Jessie Rich. Edwards is described as follows:

Age	About 25
Height	5 feet 8 inches
Weight	175
Build	Medium
Hair	Light brown
Race	White
Occupation	Works on Federal Relief Projects.

The pictures of C. J. Fitzgerald and other criminals connected with this file were exhibited to Mr. Crooks and Mr. Dutemeyer, but they could not identify any of them as having been at Gunnison, or in that vicinity.

Agent made discreet inquiries in the neighborhood of the two dance halls above mentioned, and also covered the two roads leading north from Gunnison, but could find information regarding an "Opal" or "Charlie" having resided along these roads, and could find no location such as is described in Agent Norstrom's report.

The two officers above mentioned promised to discreetly watch the residence of Bill Rich, and to advise the Denver Office, in case the Richs are visited by strangers, or in case there are any unusual happenings at their residence.

Agent interviewed Sheriff George L. Winters, of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, who stated that he had been Sheriff for 17 years, and was well acquainted with Louie Alterie, and his activities while in Colorado. He stated that his real name is Louis Berain, and that in about 1925 he purchased the Sweetwater Lake Ranch, located 54 miles north of Glenwood Springs, on Sweetwater Creek, from Paul Gregg, who is a cartoonist for the Denver Post, and who resides at Denver, Colorado. That in 1932 Gregg foreclosed

on the ranch and since that time Alterie has not owned or been connected with any ranches in the vicinity of Glenwood Springs. The Sheriff further stated that in 1932 he arrested Alterie at Glenwood Springs for shooting two men; that in December of that year Alterie pleaded Guilty to the charge of assault with a deadly weapon, and was sentenced to serve from 4 to 5 years in the Colorado State Penitentiary, and fined \$1500. That he paid the \$1500 fine, and the sentence was suspended, providing that Alterie left the state by January 1st of 1933, and stayed out of the state for 5 years. Sheriff Winters stated that since that time Alterie has had no connections with the Sweetwater Lake Ranch, nor has he been in that part of Colorado. He added that Johnny Green, who has resided in the vicinity of Glenwood Springs all of his life, and who bears a good reputation and has never had any connection with the underworld, now operates this ranch for Mr. Gregg, and that he knows that there are no questionable characters who have any connection with this ranch at the present time.

P E N D I N G

Post Office Box 818

Chicago, Illinois

November 11th, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter to your Office dated November 6th, 1935, in the above entitled matter concerning inquiry desired as to the status of the Monarch Arms and Manufacturing Company.

In connection therewith I desire to advise that at the time of the apprehension of Arthur "Doc" Barker and others in Chicago in January of 1935 there was located in their apartments two 20-bullet clips for a .45 automatic. The extension portion of these clips was made in the form of a fore grip and this portion of the clip had the same mottled finish that was on the gunstocks for use on automatic pistols which were forwarded to the Bureau. However, this distinction is noted - that the gunstocks were finished with a green mottled effect and the clips are finished with a dark brown mottled effect. The only wording appearing on these clips is the word "Multi-Shot", which name is cast into the side of the clip.

For your assistance in conducting this investigation there is being attached hereto a photograph of one of the clips which is above described. A copy of the same photograph is being attached to the Bureau's copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

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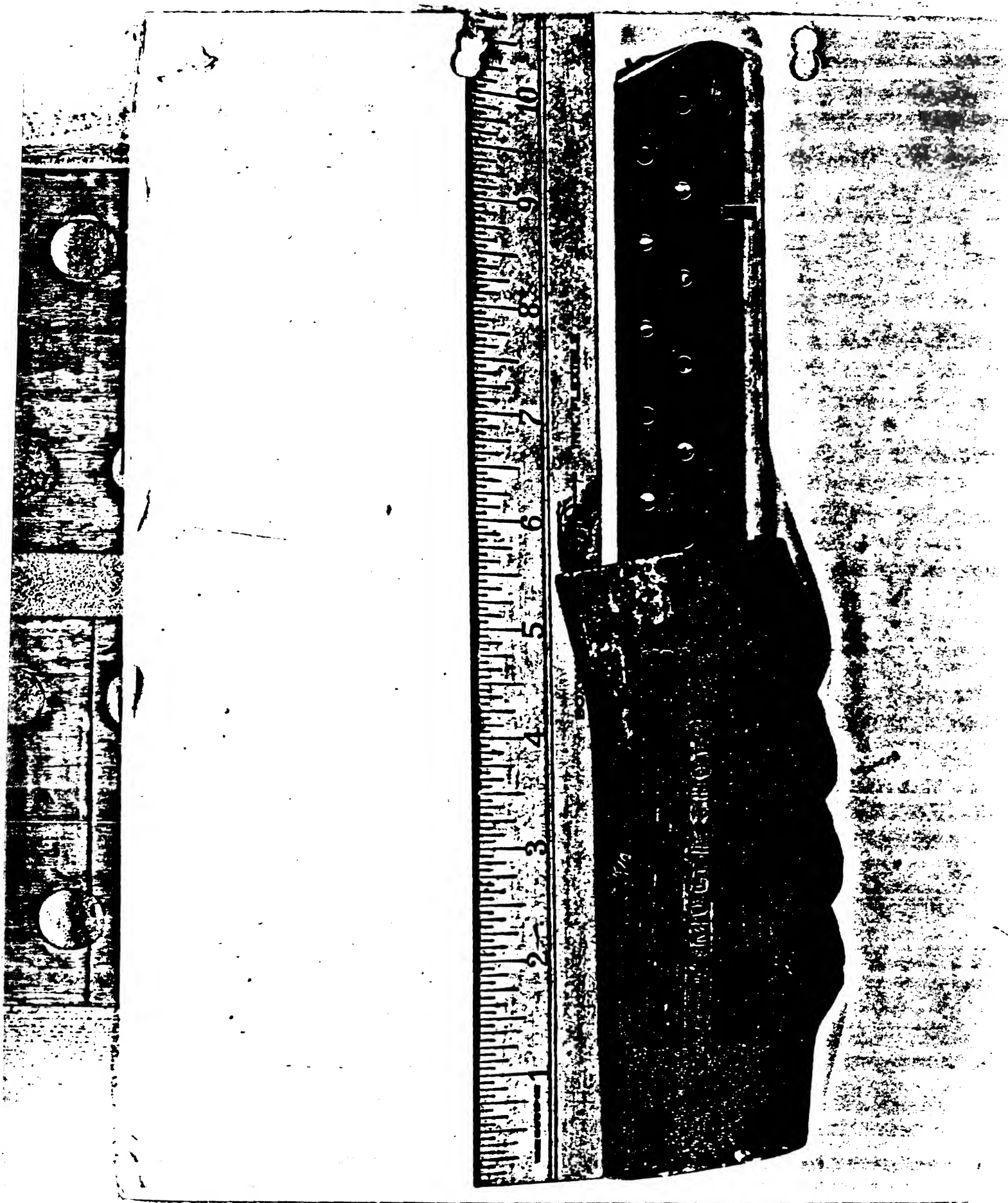
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Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

November 12, 1935

Mr. Henry Randall,
982 Broad Street,
Newark, New Jersey

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of
November 9, 1935, advising that you have been offered a
position in Miami, Florida, and will stop in Jacksonville
en route to obtain your automobile from this office.

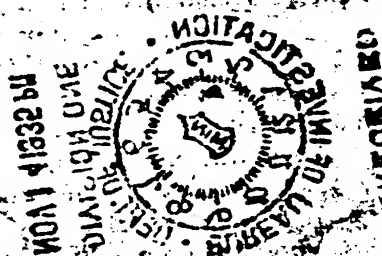
Please be advised that when you arrive in
Jacksonville with proper papers of identification this car
will be released to you, car in question being Ford coupe,
motor number 18-1037480.

It will be appreciated if you will advise the
approximate date of your arrival here.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau
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E.J. Connelley, Chicago
Jax #7-24
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 11, 1935.

Time - 10:07 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Special Agent in Charge Brantley at the Oklahoma City Office, he referred to a teletype from Mr. Connelley to the Bureau dated November 9, 1935, which makes mention of the fact that the holidays are approaching, and efforts should be made by the Oklahoma City Office to cover those relatives of Harry Campbell who he is liable to visit during the holidays.

Mr. Brantley said that the Oklahoma City Office has been considering this situation for some time; that they are fully aware of the fact that the holidays are approaching, and that appropriate action should be taken by that office to cover the relatives of Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette. He said that they have in mind a plan to rent a house near Campbell's mother's home for surveillance over Thanksgiving, and right on through to the first of January, 1936. He said that they could get such a house, if one is available, for about \$50.00 per month, and they would not use it for over two months. Mr. Brantley said that he does not know at this time, of course, if a suitable house is available. I told him that this was a reasonable enough price, and that if the plan goes through, the Bureau would authorize the necessary expenditure. Mr. Brantley mentioned, incidentally, that they have no direct, definite information that Harry Campbell has been to see his mother, this information having come directly through informants.

Mr. Brantley said that Mrs. Campbell has a telephone in her house, but he does not believe a telephone tap should be placed on it at this time. I asked him why he did not believe this telephone tap should be placed on, to which he replied that they have never received any information from any source that Harry Campbell communicates with his mother by telephone. He continued that to the best of their information, it appears that Campbell comes down into northern Oklahoma, where he gets someone to drive him to within a block or two of his mother's house, where he gets out and slips in the back way.

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Mr. Brantley said that it would be very desirable in covering this matter to have two or three strange Agents in there, and in this regard, he wanted to know if it would be possible for the Bureau to send some Agents in there later on. I told him that we would think about this, but if he could get along without them, it would be desirable. Mr. Brantley said that as the plans round into shape, he would advise the Bureau in the premises.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2344
Boston, Massachusetts.

November 11, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave., at Ninth St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, - FUGITIVE,
I. O. No. 1219, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your letter of November 8, 1935, in the above entitled case.

In accordance with your request there is enclosed herewith the original message written by Meade and delivered to Sergeant Kelley on July 13, 1935. There is also enclosed the envelope from the Venetian Hotel, with pencilled notations thereon and the typewritten and pencilled lists referred to in the report of Agent P. M. Plunkett at Boston, dated July 20, 1935, on pages 9 and 10.

These papers were turned over to Agent Plunkett by Sergeant Kelley at the time of the Agent's arrival at Northampton, Mass. on the evening of July 13th. Sergeant Kelley stated that this note had been given him by Meade late that afternoon and that, of course, he had not complied with Meade's request to send an appropriate telegram. However, as will be noted in the report of Special Agent H. B. Fletcher at Boston, dated September 3, 1935, in the case entitled HERBERT F. CALLAHAN; JAMES P. MAHONEY - Miscellaneous - Unethical Tactics, Sgt. Kelley had given the contents of this message to the Boston Police Department by teletype. The message was in the Sergeant's possession some four or five hours.

With reference to Fred Farrell, alias Fred Flowers, please be advised that the possibility of his being the Fred mentioned in Meade's message has been under consideration ever since investigation of him was first begun, as set out in report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, at Boston, dated August 8, 1935. Further investigation re-

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lative to Farrell is contained in reports of the same Agent, dated August 15, 1935 and October 22, 1935. A report from this office, presently being typed, will reflect the results of an interview with Farrell.

Please be assured that the investigation relative to the manner in which Attorney Callahan learned of the presence of William Elmer Meade in the County Jail at Northampton Massachusetts, is being given close attention at this office.

cc - Mr. E.J. Connelley,
cc - St. Paul Chicago:
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Very truly yours,

C. D. McKean

C. D. McKEAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Walter Dunlap. 416 Union.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
November 6, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case

You will recall that the Chicago Office directed a letter to the Bureau on September 21, 1935, disclosing an interview with [redacted] a confidential informant of the Chicago Office who is making efforts [redacted]

The letter uses the following language -

[redacted] also stated that Edith Berry showed him a typewritten article by a famous author whose name [redacted] is unable to recall, dealing with the criminal life of Alvin Karpis, his many successful evasions of capture by Government Agents, especially his escape from Atlantic City, New Jersey and from Miami, Florida. He stated that the article criticized the Federal Bureau of Investigation, not only for its failure to apprehend Karpis but also because of unfair methods used in attempting to capture him."

You will recall you made the request that efforts be made to trace the above-mentioned article, since you would like to know the author.

The Bureau has now been advised by the Chicago Office that [redacted] states he now recalls that this article was written by Westbrook Pegler and Mark Hellinger. The Chicago Office has not been able to obtain a copy of the alleged article.

Respectfully,

K.R. McIntire

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Time - 5:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. Connelley at Chicago, he asked if his teletype of recent date to the Bureau and to the Oklahoma City Office had come to my attention, in which it was stated that according to a conversation had between Wynona Burdette and her sister at Milan Penitentiary, Harry Campbell had apparently been in to see his mother at Tulsa, Oklahoma, from time to time. Mr. Connelley said that he thought if he could get away from Chicago for a couple of days, it might be a good idea for him to go to Oklahoma City to look the situation over a bit.

I told Mr. Connelley that Mr. Brantley had rather indignantly called me about this teletype, stating that the Oklahoma City Office had as a matter of fact been working diligently on this case. I informed Mr. Connelley that the Oklahoma City Office is trying to rent a house in the immediate vicinity of the house of Campbell's mother, from which they might conduct a twenty-four hour a day surveillance, particularly until after the holidays.

As to Burdette's sister, I told Mr. Connelley that Mr. Brantley says it is just a physical impossibility to get an Agent in there without any person knowing it; that the town in which she lives is nothing more than a wide place in the road, and the only way to get an Agent in there is to park him in an automobile out in the road. Mr. Connelley said that some plan ought to be worked out whereby some Agent could be sent in there. He said that one of the reasons he believes the setup some time ago did not go through is because there was no Agent available to whom the informant could convey the information which he had, with the result that it was not received until about two days after he had gotten the same.

I told Mr. Connelley I believed it would be a good idea for him to go down there for a couple of days if he can get away from Chicago. I suggested that while the Agents down there might be enthusiastic and diligent in their efforts on this case, some outside counsel might prove beneficial, as it many times does under such circumstances. Mr. Connelley said that it is entirely possible that the Agents of the Oklahoma City Office are being too cautious in their efforts on this case fearing that some step they take will negative the entire investigation, and for this reason, nothing is being done of any consequence.

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Mr. Connelley said that the Delaney woman has been in there for the past few days and associating with the Karpis family, and they have been keeping them under surveillance. (He has reference to Dolores Delaney's mother). Mr. Connelley said that he believes undoubtedly the elder Karpis is in touch with Alvin. I told him that I couldn't see where the elder Karpis would be getting all the money he has if he were not in touch with Alvin. Mr. Connelley said that he believes this is right; that he must have gotten the money within the last three or four months. Mr. Connelley said that Wynona, in her letters before this period, was always asking where Alvin was and whether or not he could or had seen the baby, etc. All this has now been stopped, according to Mr. Connelley.

Mr. Connelley said that he would try to work the situation around there in Chicago to allow him a couple of days in Oklahoma City.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 11, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: Identification of the Body of
William J. Harrison

There is transmitted herewith Interesting Case
write-up #7-576 pertaining to the above subject matter.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Tamm

Mr. Nathan	
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Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Clegg	
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Identification of the body of
William J. Harrison

William J. Harrison was born in St. Louis, Missouri, September 27, 1908. He spent the major portion of his adolescent years in St. Louis. In about 1928 he went to Calumet City, Illinois, where he operated numerous "speakeasies" and dispensed alcoholic beverages during the prohibition era. He became associated with the Capone syndicate of Chicago and fraternized with persons of such notoriety as Sam Wislizer, Big Homer Wilson and "Killer" Burke. Fred Goetz, alias George Leigler was one of the leading Capone henchmen, and spent much of his leisure in pleasant golf games with Harrison who was a golf professional.

Harrison became acquainted with members of the Barker-Karpis gang through Fred Goetz. Harrison had become a man of wide experience in his travels, and, as a result of his underworld activities was able to furnish to members of the Barker-Karpis group, some of their most valued contacts, and without whom many of their sinister designs would not have been consummated.

When plans were being formulated in Chicago and St. Paul, for the abduction of Mr. Edward George Bremer, arrangements had to be made for the removal of the women members of the gang from St. Paul, and finding them apartments which would serve as a safe rendezvous for their gangster companions. This task fell to Harrison, who lodged the women in pleasant apartments on Chicago's South Side, which were operated by a "right guy". During Mr. Bremer's twenty-two days of confinement in the Bensenville, Illinois, hideout Harrison served as an outside "contact man" for the gang, thus insuring its continued safety during the abduction period. Harrison, despite his precarious undertakings, was a man of wit and humor, and served as the "court jester" or "court fool" to the amusement of his gangster affiliates.

Temporarily, after the release of Mr. Bremer, the gang quit Chicago, Harrison providing safe refuge, entertainment and invaluable contacts elsewhere. When it appeared to the gang, however, that the "heat was off", certain members returned to Chicago, using Harrison to rent apartments, thus allaying suspicions which might have arisen had the more notorious members of the gang secured the apartments themselves.

Harrison was trusted, and even his garrulous nature had not, up to this time, given rise to doubt on the part of his companions. Unwittingly, however, he communicated to other associates of the gang who were not in the "inner circle", certain information which, it was felt, should not have been divulged.

Using a false Harrison, on the night of January 5, 1935, was lured by his companions to an abandoned barn in the vicinity of Ontarioville, Illinois. When he entered the barn in the hope of effecting his mission he was shot to death by several of his erstwhile associates. His body was then soaked in gasoline, placed in an appropriate position and the barn was set on fire. The structure was completely demolished. On the following day, January 6, 1935, the charred outline of an apparently unidentifiable body of a human being was observed, lying in the smoldering embers. Only a torso remained.

The Sheriff's Office at Wheaton, Illinois, was notified immediately, and the body was removed by the Du Page County coroner to an undertaking parlor at Roselle, Illinois. An x-ray examination of the body disclosed it to be that of a male individual. The x-ray also disclosed the location of a bullet which was found embedded in the lower part of the right shoulder of the corpse. A ballistic examination of this bullet reflected that it had been fired from a .32 caliber automatic pistol.

A search for identifying items left at the scene of the crime disclosed an Elgin wrist watch and gold link wrist bracelet lying beside the body. There was also found what remained of a pair of octagon shaped eye glasses. In addition thereto there was found an empty five gallon gasoline can and a crank for a Model A Ford automobile.

Investigation by the Wheaton, Illinois, Sheriff's Office at the Elgin Watch Company, Elgin, Illinois, reflected that the watch had been assembled in 1928 and had been sold on February 15, 1929. There were no records, however, disclosing the identity of the firm to which the watch had been sold. The watch is described as grade 428, model 6-0, movement 32,166,666, chrome nickel plated case #0,211,813. All jobbers handling Elgin watches were circularized by the Wheaton, Illinois, Sheriff's Office in an effort to trace the watch, but without results. The Sheriff's Office also caused this watch to be submitted to scientific analysis. The examination disclosed a jeweler's repair number C-633 which had been scratched on the inside of the case. Pertinent information concerning the watch and the repair numbers were published by the Sheriff's Office, during the month of June 1935 in a magazine issued by the Jewelers' Association, in an effort to effect an identification, but without results.

Meanwhile the investigation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been progressing in an effort to locate and apprehend the remaining fugitives who were responsible for Mr. Bremer's abduction, including William J. Harrison. Information was uncovered from time to time to the effect that Harrison had been murdered by members of his own gang. These whisperings of the underworld became quite current. Investigation loaned credence to the report. Special Agents learned from sources intimately associated with Harrison that he had worn, prior to his death, a wrist watch which had been fastened to his wrist by a gold link bracelet. This bracelet was found beside the corpse. It had also been definitely determined that Harrison, immediately prior to his death, was wearing rim glasses of an octagon shape. Remnants of such glasses were found beside his body. It was ascertained that Harrison was last seen by certain members of the gang, on the morning of January 5, 1935. It was also learned that Harrison had an appointment to meet a certain woman companion of the gang on the night of January 5, 1935. This appointment was not kept, and Harrison was never seen thereafter.

During the last days of August, 1935, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ascertained definitely that Harrison had been murdered by certain of his companions, and that his body had been burned in an old barn to prevent identification. Immediately thereafter the location of this barn was learned, and certain material facts were disclosed which clarified the circumstances surrounding the murder of the unidentified man. Exhaustive inquiry covering a period of more than one and one-half years had disclosed the habits, the contacts and the places where William J. Harrison had lived and operated. Agents secured from the Sheriff's Office at Kewanee, Illinois, pertinent data concerning the wrist watch which had been found near the corpse. Systematic inquiry in the vicinity of Hammond, Indiana, and Calumet City, Illinois, where Harrison had "held forth" during his more favored years of hoodlumism, disclosed that on August 21, 1933, Harrison had had a wrist watch repaired by a jeweler friend in Hammond, Indiana. The jeweler had scratched his repair number C-673 on the inside of the case, and on his charge slip had referred familiarly to his friend and patron as Billie Harrison. The watch repaired was an Elgin wrist watch, which according to the jeweler's records bore movement number 32,166,666, nickel case #0,211,813. It had needed a new mainspring. That was the watch found beside the murdered and burned body of Harrison.

722 Midland Savings Bldg.,
Denver, Colorado
November 10, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL
with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM F.
HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239;
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-
ARMS ACT - DENVER FILE NO. 7-3

Reference is made to your letter of November 4, 1935, in the
above captioned case. The leads that you refer to in your letter
at Casper, Wyoming, and Glenwood Springs, Colorado, have now been
covered and reports are being forwarded. The reason for the de-
lay in the investigation of these two leads is that they are in
widely scattered territories and no agent was available to cover
same. With reference to the report of A. R. Gere, dated August
2, 1935, containing a lead for investigation at Colorado Springs,
to determine whether an osteopath there removed scars from Sub-
ject Harry Campbell, your attention is invited to the report of
Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, dated August 8, 1935, which
covers this investigation, which resulted in negative information.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

AIR MAIL

November 12, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Dallas, Texas

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you immediately determine whether or not Paula Harmon, former paramour of Fred Barker, is still confined to the Texas Hospital for the Insane at Rusk, Texas. If Paula Harmon is still confined to this institution, it is requested that inquiry be made of the officers of that institution to determine her present mental condition.

Paula Harmon has not been interviewed since the information contained in the report of Special Agent H. T. Arterberry of your Office, dated March 16, 1935. She was committed to that institution on January 20, 1935.

It is not desired that she be interviewed at this time, but I would like to be advised as to her present condition, in order that the advisability of a thorough interview with her at this time, since Fred Barker is now deceased, may be had by an Agent who is thoroughly familiar with the case. When Paula Harmon was last interviewed Fred Barker was still alive and it was evident she withheld much information concerning the activities of this gang, due to her fear or affection for Fred Barker.

It is believed that should her mental condition now permit, an interview with her may produce some results.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge
Special Assignment.

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cc Bureau
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1021 Bankers Building
Milwaukee Wisconsin

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November 11, 1935

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: JACK HENRY LEWIS, with aliases -
Fugitive
INFORMATION

In connection with the above entitled case, attention is directed to the report of Special Agent in Charge Kerner Hanni dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota November 9, 1935 relating to the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. No. 1218; et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING, wherein information is provided concerning one Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston, who was admitted to the Transient Camp at Fargo, North Dakota in June of 1935, and who was identified by numerous individuals as being identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

It is noted that Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston was conversant with medical terms and it appears that he performed certain tricks while he was attached to the Transient Camps at Fargo, Fargo, and Langdon, North Dakota. The description of Ormiston, which is set forth on page 3 of the report of Special Agent in Charge Kerner Hanni dated at Aberdeen November 9, 1935 corresponds in some respects to that of Jack Mendes Lewis, which is incorporated in the letter of September 6, 1935 from the Charlotte Office to all field offices, although it appears that Ormiston was not as heavy as Lewis, and that his hair was gray while attached to the Transient camps in North Dakota. Notwithstanding the variance in the descriptions of Ormiston and Lewis, it will be noted that both are approximately the same age, height, and both are of heavy build. Inasmuch as both Lewis and Ormiston are conversant with medical terms and have an aptitude for performing tricks, it was thought that Ormiston might be identical with Lewis, particularly in view of the fact that Lewis is stated to frequent transient centers.

The above suggestion is forwarded to the Bureau for whatever consideration, if any, may be deemed advisable.

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Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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REPORT MADE AT CLEVELAND, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 11/11/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/2 to 9/35	REPORT MADE BY C. E. SMITH
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. #1218; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

License YP-328 listed to L. P. Kaiser, Building Inspector, Elyria, Ohio. License YP-329 listed to J. E. Benham, farmer, West Dover, Ohio. Telephone Lorain 6-1783 listed to William Dzoba, 903 West 20th Street, recently arrested in the possession of a still. William E. Meade executed \$30,000 oil stock swindle on W. T. Hamilton, Dayton, Ohio. Associates of Meade set forth. Informant at Lima advises Art Bystrom has a farm near Ohio line in Michigan. Also advises "Beans Jewhouse" of Toledo would harbor fugitives. [REDACTED] advises Rene Holst stated she did not know the whereabouts of Karpis. [REDACTED] advises Lu is to return to Edith Barry's place. Detective Manson advises "Beans Jewhouse" is John Juhasc, associate of Bystrom and a friend of the Angus brothers. Also uses cottage of Zeza Parkas on Bay Shore Road. Boulevard Cafe owned by Paul Hackett, gambler and bootlegger. Former Inspector Cody advised Ardell Quinn had influential friends amongst the politicians and was of the opinion she would harbor fugitives. Mrs. Allen identified photograph of Gibson as resembling individual who was instrumental in renting apartment for Karpis.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated 10/16/35.
 Report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 7/27/35.
 Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 7/9/35.
 Bureau Letter dated 11/1/35.

DETAILS: AT ELYRIA, OHIO

With reference to L. P. Kaiser, 250 Eighth Street, owner of 1935 Ohio license plates, YP-328, Agent checked the city directory and ascertained that Mr. Kaiser was listed as President and Treasurer of the L. P. Kaiser Contracting Building and Real Estate Company.

When Agent requested a check of all license plates lost or stolen from the Clerk in the Chief of Police's Office, the individual checking them stated he was L. P. Kaiser, Building Inspector for the past three years, and owner of the plates in question. Mr. Kaiser stated that the plates had never been out of his possession and the only out-of-town locality he had visited this year was at Athens, Ohio, where his son was in college.

AT WEST DOVER, OHIO

With reference to J. E. Benham, 30688 Center Ridge Road, Route #1, owner of 1935 license plates YP-329, Agent interviewed Mr. Benham and ascertained that he was a small truck farmer and sideline painter. Mr. Benham advised that his license plates had never been out of his possession and the only time they had been away from home was during September when he had taken a trip to Buffalo, New York.

AT LORAIN, OHIO

Mr. P. C. Trinter, Lorain Telephone Company, was interviewed and advised that telephone number 6-1783, which it will be recalled was one of the numbers called from the Silver Grill, West 28th Street and Detroit Avenue, was listed to William Dzoba, 903 West 20th Street. Mr. Trinter had no other information other than Dzoba had listed his occupation as a laborer.

Mr. Vaol Ward, 908 West 20th Street, a settlement worker who resides across the street from Dzoba, was interviewed and he stated that the Dzoba family kept very much to themselves. The family consisted of the elder Dzoba and his wife, who is a University of Moscow graduate and very talented, and five or six children at home, all minors, and one or two adult children who lived away from home. Mr. Ward stated that it was the accepted opinion in the neighborhood that the Dzoba family were bootleggers and had only recently been raided.

Continuing, Mr. Ward stated that the elder Dzoba did not work and his son, Mike, "took the rap" for possession of the still. Mr. Ward stated that the Dzobas had resided in the vicinity for the past eight or nine years and when questioned as to what unit made the raid, stated that he was not sure whether it was the State men or the City Police, and added that if Agent desired to consider the investigation confidential, the City Police should not be contacted as they would surely advise the Dzobas that inquiries were made about them.

Mail Carrier Roy Stackhouse, who also resides across the street from the Dzobas, was interviewed but was unable to add any additional information to that already furnished by Ward.

AT LIMA, OHIO

Desk Officer, William F. Keller of the Lima, Ohio, Police Department, was interviewed relative to William E. Meade and he stated that he was the officer who had been assigned to investigate the activities of Meade in Lima, Ohio, during 1929 and related that on or about July 5, 1929, one W. T. Hamilton, 1720 Auburn Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, telephone Lincoln 3056-W, had filed a complaint with the department stating that he had been fleeced out of \$30,000 by Meade, the result of the purchase of 60,000 shares of "The Huichihuayan Oil & Gas Company of San Luis, Potosi, Mexico".

Officer Keller stated that he had left the department shortly after 1929 and returned four years later and only had his memory and a page of notes to depend upon. However, it was his recollection that William E. Meade, known then as J. W. Longworth, had in company with Charles Lancaster, J. D. Stager and Charles O. Leamington, become acquainted with W. T. Hamilton in Florida and as a result of that acquaintance induced victim Hamilton to meet them in Lima and purchase the worthless stock.

The Lima Police Department records were searched by officer Keller and the only record found relative to Meade was a wanted notice issued by the United States Marshal at Jacksonville, Florida, on July 2, 1934 bearing case #34837-E.

Miss Agnes Dimond, Deputy Clerk of Municipal Court, was interviewed and a copy of a warrant based upon a complaint sworn to by W. T. Hamilton on July 5, 1929 is herein set forth:

"The State of Ohio, Allen County,) ss.
The City of Lima,)

CRIMINAL COURT

To the CHIEF OF POLICE, Greeting:

"WHEREAS, Complaint has been made before me, Judge of the Criminal Court of said Municipal Corporation, upon the oath of W. T. Hamilton; that J. W. Longworth, alias, William E. Mead, alias "Christ Kid" did, on or about the 5th day of July A.D., 1929, in the City of Lima, in said

Allen County, Unlawfully and knowingly did falsely pretend with intent to defraud to one W. T. Hamilton that he was the owner of sixty thousand (60,000) shares of the stock of The Huichihuayan Oil & Gas Company, of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, and that he obtained said stock while he was in the railroad contracting business in Wyoming and that said stock was inherited by him from his father and that said stock had been purchased by his father for Ten Dollars (\$10) per share, by which false pretenses the said J. W. Longworth then and there unlawfully did obtain from the Said W. T. Hamilton the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) in cash the personal property of the said W. T. Hamilton with intent then and there to cheat and defraud the said W. T. Hamilton out of the same; whereas, in truth and in fact he did not obtain said stock from his father and that said stock was not worth Ten Dollars (\$10) per share, and the said J. W. Longworth at the time he so falsely pretended as aforesaid well knew the false pretenses to be false; that the said false pretenses were false in fact and induced the said W. T. Hamilton to part with his said property."

"These are, therefore, to command you to take the said J. W. Longworth, alias, William E. Mead, alias "Christ Kid", if he be found in your County, or if he shall have fled, that you pursue after him in any other County within this State, and him take and safely keep so that you have his body forthwith before me, or some other Magistrate having competent jurisdiction, to answer said complaint, and be further dealt with according to law."

"Given under my hand and seal, this 13th day of July A. D., 1929."

SEAL

NEIL R. POLING, Judge

WILMA CORDIER, Clerk

This warrant has never been withdrawn and is in force and effect.

Officer Keller stated that his notes revealed that Meade had arrived in Lima, Ohio on June 24, 1929 and left on July 5, 1929, and had resided at 1315 W. Market Street, during the time he was in town.

Continuing, Officer Keller advised that on March 23, 1932 the Cincinnati Inquirer had carried an article relative to the apprehension of the following named individuals: Mark Fisher, age 49; Fred Pearson, age 40; Yellow Kid Weil; James Mill, age 24; Robert Fisher, age 26; George Spighman, alias Smith, age 62; Edward Fay, age 37; and Bernard Anderson, Marion, Indiana, and it was Keller's recollection that Spighman was Meade.

Keller further advised that Post Office Inspector J. F. Cordrey had also investigated the case at the time and offered for Agent's inspection numerous copies of letters and memorandums made by Mr. Cordrey at the time. As Agent was permitted to take the file to his hotel room to review same, it will be well to state here that Mr. Cordrey was later interviewed by Agent and repeated substantially the same story as Mr. Keller, advising however, that all of his correspondence on the matter had been destroyed as there appeared to be no violation of the Postal laws.

Mr. Cordrey intimated that both officer Keller and himself felt at the time that Meade had an "in" somewhere in the police department and in view of the above facts Agent did not disclose to Mr. Cordrey that he had reviewed any of his letters or memorandums.

The following information set forth was obtained from a review of the letters and memorandums in Officer Keller's possession.

On July 19, 1929, Post Office Inspector J. F. Cordrey wrote to the Inspector in Charge at Cincinnati, Ohio, and advised in substance that Sergeant William Keller of the Lima Police informed him that a Mr. Hamilton of Dayton, Ohio, had been fleeced of \$30,000 by a group of men operating a confidence game in Lima, Ohio, based upon fake Mexican oil stock.

According to Keller, the gang consisting of three men, namely William E. Meade, George Sterns, and Charles Long, inveigled Hamilton to come to Lima, Ohio, where Hamilton and Meade paid Long \$30,000 each while Sterns acted as attorney for both.

The last two paragraphs of this letter are quoted:

"It is understood that the men are out of Chicago, Illinois, and are known to police officials there. Warrants for their arrest have been furnished Chicago Police, but the police department here are unable to get any action.

"It is thought that the Chief of Police here is personally acquainted with the men, or that he knew of their presence in Lima, and that they were protected while here. Sergeant Keller will greatly appreciate any information that might be available, through me, of the persons".

Victim Hamilton advised Mr. Cordrey by letter on September 25, 1929 that it was his understanding that Charles Long, alias Leamington, had or was residing at 325 Maderia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida, with a woman who posed as his wife and accompanied the letter with a photograph of Long and the woman. Mr. Cordrey transmitted this information to the Postmaster at Miami, Florida, requesting an investigation.

On March 17, 1930, Mr. O. W. Pittman, Postmaster at Miami, Florida, advised Inspector Cordrey that Mrs. Long had been identified as Mrs. Edith Marco, daughter of Mrs. Anna Duhl, who had rented the house at 325 Madeira Avenue from a Mr. Kettman of 315 Madeira Avenue. A search of the Miami Police Department records revealed that in 1928 Mrs. Edith Marco had been detained for investigation in connection with the robbery of the Lamar Bank, Lamar, Colorado, as she was in communication with two of the accomplices of that robbery.

The Postmaster at Miami, Florida, secured several tracings from the mail received by Mrs. Duhl, who later moved to 23 N.W. River Drive and it was noted that letters were received by Mrs. Duhl from the Fireproof Warehouse & Transfer Company, 1018-1034 E. High Street, Columbus, Ohio, and John E. Wethers Transfer & Storage Company, 1111 E. E. First Avenue, Miami, Florida, as well as the Secor Hotel in 1928, Ohio, and the Hollenden Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio.

The following description of Meade is set forth and was obtained from various letters and wanted notices on file at the Lima Police Department and from Officer Keller's notes:

Name	William E. Meade
Alias	William E. Mead
"	J. W. Longworth
"	J. W. Reed
"	John Henry Foster
"	J. W. Parker
"	*Christ Kid
"	E. E. Laird
"	Edward E. Gaynor
Age	60 (1934)
Height	5' 8-1/8" to 5' 11"
Weight	140 to 160 lbs.
Color of hair	dark chestnut and thin
Color of eyes	medium blue
Complexion	florid
Peculiarities	Mouth distorted by wound, looks like a hairlip.
Race	White
Nativity	American, supposedly born in Iowa.
Marital status	Married, wife Katherine, alias Marie, alias Kate Schmitt.
Relatives	In Portland, Oregon and San Francisco, California, no names mentioned.
Residence	1928 to 1934 - 1533 Fargo Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Criminal Record	Obtained from Wanted Notice issued by U. S. Marshal at Jacksonville: Convictions: San Quentin, Calif., 1896 Canon City, Colo. 1923 London England, 1930

Obtained from Officer Keller's notes:
Chicago, Illinois #8390.

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Associates:

CHARLES LANCASTER - no information as to criminal record.

J. D. STAGER, alias WILLIAM DOREY,
alias GEORGE STERNS, alias GEORGE
STEARNS, alias JOHN J. CUNINGS, alias
GRAHAM SMITH, alias GEORGE STEINEART,
alias GEORGE PHILLIP CONRAD. As GEORGE
PHILLIP CONRAD - arrested September 2,
1925 at Memphis, Tennessee, Memphis
P.D. #8348, F.P.C. 9 Ua 8

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CHARLES O. LONG, alias CHARLES O.
LEAMINGTON, alias EARL LUEBMAN, Chicago
P.D. #C-6436, F.P.C. 1-A 12

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EDITH MARCO, alias MRS. CHARLES O.
LEAMINGTON, no record.

MRS. ANNA DUEL, no record, residence
1930 - 25 N.W.N. River Drive, Miami,
Florida.

Officer Keller stated that he had heard that restitution had been made to victim Hamilton, however, he had no evidence to substantiate the rumor. He also advised that all he had ever heard about Charles Lancaster was that he operated a beer joint in Chicago.

It will be well to note here that in 1929 William Kipper was Chief of Police but has since been succeeded by W. L. Taylor.

George Pratt, 659-1/2 S. Main Street, an ex-convict who served time in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, while being interviewed by Agent, relative to another matter, advised when questioned by Agent as to the identity of any individuals in the vicinity or at Toledo, Ohio who might harbor fugitives, advised that at one time he was in jail with Arthur Bystrom, alias Art the Baker, and it was his opinion that Bystrom would harbor or secure a hideout for any crook who came to Toledo.

Continuing, Pratt stated that Bystrom was very friendly with a bank president in Toledo and could get anything from him that he wanted. Pratt also informed Agent that Bystrom had a farm west of Toledo

and just over the line in Michigan, that was an excellent hideout. According to Pratt, this farm could be reached by driving out U. S. Route 24 to the first road past the scale house, then turning left to the first road, and then making a left turn on this road and the house would be the first one on the left hand side. Pratt was unable to give a description of the house but stated that there was a large red barn near it.

Continuing, Pratt advised that an individual known as "Beans Jewhouse" (phonetic spelling) was another good contact in Toledo, Ohio. However, he was unable to furnish any information relative to his present whereabouts.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

Agent communicated with [REDACTED] and he stated that he had spent the evening at Rudy Fleming's beer parlor in Point Place which is operated by Rene Holst, with a group of friends, and while there the name of Karpis was mentioned and everyone including Rene started to speculate as to his present whereabouts. However, nothing was said that would indicate any of those present had seen or heard from him. [REDACTED] advised that he intended to drop in there again and would endeavor to secure all information possible. b7d

[REDACTED] stated that he intended to drop in at Clara Miller's call house for the purpose of securing "Peaches'" true name and her possible whereabouts, and would also contact Maude Adams again relative to the hideout Ted Angus has in Canada. [REDACTED] stated that he would have to make several trips to Maude's place before he would be in a position to secure that information.

[REDACTED] advised that Lu was very much afraid of the Juvenile authorities for the reason that she knew if they obtained the whereabouts of her daughter that she is very much attached to, they would take her away from her. [REDACTED] advised that the daughter Margaret, was now in Toledo and he would secure her address for Agent.

Detectives Harry Manson and Merle Unkle were interviewed, and they advised that they had no additional information relative to Louis Levi.

Agent questioned Manson and Unkle relative to "Beans Jewhouse" and they stated that his true name was John "Beans" Juhasc, 2145 Consual Street, and he was an associate of Art Bystrom and a friend of the Angus brothers, and considered "hot for anything". Manson also advised that Juhasc was a close friend to Zeza "Doc" Farkas, 1958 Genesee Street, publisher of the American-Hungarian Weekly. Farkas has a cottage located on the side road running from Bay Shore Road on the corner of which the Bay Shore Inn is located, and Juhasc has access to this cottage. In reference to the farm owned by Art Bystrom and described by George Pratt, Agent drove west on U. S. Route #24 to the scale house and turned left at the next road which is Michigan Route #151. Agent located the barn described by Pratt. However, the house has been recently destroyed by fire. Someone was evidently living in a small garage to the side and rear of the former location of the house. Agent checked the barn and out buildings, but was unable to ascertain if any of them were occupied by an automobile. No inquiry was made at the garage at this time as to the identity of the individuals residing there. The farm is located in the Detroit Office territory in Monroe County.

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Agent checked the records of the Alcohol Tax Unit, U. S. Treasury, 601 Standard Building, however, they contained no information relative to Dzoba.

Mr. R. McCray of the State Liquor Control Bureau, 601 Standard Building, was interviewed and advised that he recalled the raid in Lorain but was unable to give Agent any of the facts as the file on the case was in Sandusky, Ohio.

In reference to the long distant telephone call made by someone at Edith Barry's place to the Boulevard Cafe, Lakewood 4585, Agent interviewed A. W. McSweeney of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company and was advised by him that Paul Hackett, 1382 W. 116th Street was the individual to whom the above telephone bills were charged.

A search of the City Directory revealed that Paul Hackett conducted a beer business at 1382 W. 116th Street as well as residing there.

William Cody, Chief of the Safety Department for the Cleveland Trust Company and former Inspector of Detectives at Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed by Agent relative to Hackett and his connections and he advised that Hackett was a gambler and bootlegger, strictly racket and was the type of individual who would harbor any fugitive, but was very clever and cagey and would be a hard individual to get anything on.

Cody further stated that Hackett was considered "one of the boys" and as such would be friendly with William Fergus and James "Shimmy" Patton.

Continuing, Mr. Cody asked Agent if he had made any inquiries as yet at the police department about Hackett, and when Agent answered in the negative, he advised Agent to be very careful and suggested that Inspector Joseph Sweeney would be the best one to contact relative to Hackett, stating that Sweeney was "all copper" and the only one he felt would keep the interview confidential. Mr. Cody also stated that Captain Frank Story and Superintendent George Koestle of the Identification Bureau, if contacted, be advised that the interview was confidential and they could be trusted.

Mr. Cody then asked Agent why he did not contact Acting Chief of Detectives Potts, and when Agent gave him an evasive answer, Mr. Cody shook his head, smiled and said, "in so far as Potts' record goes, well * * *", and then stopped, giving Agent the impression Potts could not be trusted. Mr. Cody requested that Agent keep all of the above information confidential.

Mr. Cody was also questioned relative to Ardell Quinn, operator of a call house, and the Hollywood Cafe, and he advised that Ardell was very close to some of the city's leading citizens and very powerful politically, the police never being successful in prosecuting her. Mr. Cody stated that Ardell would do anything for any of her friends but would not "tell you the time of the day". Agent was further advised that it was Mr. Cody's impression that Ardell was a Frenchwoman and had arrived in this country fifteen to twenty years ago and had married a railroader by the name of Quinn, but had divorced him about two or three years ago. Mr. Cody stated that about four years ago when Ray T. Miller was prosecutor, they had investigated Ardell but nothing had ever come of the investigation.

Continuing, Mr. Cody advised that it was his understanding that Ardell's former husband was absolutely straight and worked for the New York Central Railroad. However, he was unable to state whether he would talk if approached. Mr. Cody was unable to advise Agent of any of Mrs. Quinn's connections.

The following description of Mrs. Quinn was obtained from Mr. Cody and is herewith set forth:

Name	MRS. ARDELL QUINN
Age	40 years
Height	5' 4"
Weight	110 lbs.
Hair	Dark
Complexion	Dark
Build	Slight
Race	White
Nativity	French

Peculiarities	Generally wears dark clothes, very good dresser, poor looker, speaks broken English with a French accent.
Occupation	Madam of call house
Residence	1916 E. 84th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.
Criminal Record	None known

On November 5, 1935, Mrs. Edith Allen, 10615 Florian Avenue, who it will be recalled is the wife of the custodian of the apartment located at 10515 Parkhurst, where the subjects of this case resided around July 1934, called Captain of Detectives Frank Story and advised him that she had seen an individual who resembled one of the men who had resided at the Parkhurst apartment. Captain Story immediately called Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland and advised him of the call.

Agent interviewed Captain Story and was advised by him that he had made no effort to check the information as he did not know if the Government had any plants out and did not want to spoil anything.

Mrs. Edith Allen was interviewed by Agent and she advised that about 4:00 p.m. on October 15, 1935, she noticed a large automobile, light green in color and apparently brand new with a built-in trunk, containing several individuals drive slowly past the building and the driver point up to the apartment formerly occupied by the gang. When the driver saw her watching he immediately started to fix his tie and look away.

Continuing, Mrs. Allen stated that she thought the driver was the same individual who had brought the Matternsons to look at the apartment. Mrs. Allen stated that this individual had stated at that time that he resided in the vicinity and was looking for an apartment for some friends of his. Agent displayed photographs of all the subjects of this case to Mrs. Allen and she identified that of Russell Gibson as resembling the individual operating the automobile. When questioned regarding the other occupants of the automobile, Mrs. Allen advised that she was sure that the passenger in the front seat was a man but was unable to give any information about the three persons in the rear seat.

Agent interrogated Mrs. Allen relative to the make and license number of the automobile and was advised that it looked like a new Oldsmobile and bore a foreign license plate, the figures of yellow color and the background dark, color not known. It was Mrs. Allen's recollection that the plate bore one letter in front of two numbers.

The following description of the individual who brought the Matternsons to the apartment and who Mrs. Allen believes was the driver of the car, is herewith set forth:

Name	Not Known
Age	23 to 25 years
Height	5'-11-1/2"
Weight	160 lbs.
Hair	medium, sandy, parted on side.
Eyes	light
Peculiarities	walked very straight, good dresser, spoke good English.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CINCINNATI OFFICE, at COLUMBUS, OHIO, will contact the Fireproof Warehouse and Transfer Company, 1018-1034 West High Street and ascertain all information relative to the identity of Mrs. Anna Duhl, 23 N.W.N. River Drive, Miami, Florida, who received mail from here in 1930.

Will at DAYTON, OHIO, interview W. T. Hamilton, 1720 Auburn Avenue, who was swindled out of \$30,000 by William E. Meade and ascertain if he has any information relative to his whereabouts, in view of the fact restitution was supposed to have been made.

Will at the office of the Enquirer at CINCINNATI, OHIO, obtain a copy of the March 23, 1932 issue and review same for any information relative to Meade.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE at CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, will, at the Detective Bureau, obtain all information in their possession relative to Meade.

THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE at MIAMI, FLORIDA, will contact O. W. Pittman, Postmaster and obtain any information he has in his possession relative to the identity of Mrs. Edith Marco, alias Mrs. Charles Leamington, and Mrs. Anna Duhl of 23 N.W.N. River Drive, and conduct such other investigation as is necessary to ascertain whether the above named individuals are in contact with Meade.

Will at the John E. Wethers Transfer & Storage Company, 1000-12 N.E. First Avenue, MIAMI, FLORIDA, ascertain the identity of Mrs. Anna Duhl who received mail from this place in 1930.

THE CLEVELAND OFFICE at CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO, OHIO, will maintain contact with its informants.

Will contact Kenneth Rosing and secure a description of C. H. Mitchell, son of William Mitchell, for the purpose of ascertaining if he is the individual who posed as a friend of Karpis when he rented the apartment on Parkhurst.

Will at WEST TOLEDO, OHIO, contact the post office and ascertain the owner of the farm on Michigan Route #151.

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629 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.
November 11, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim;
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your letter of October 24,
1935, to this office, enclosing a copy of the photograph of
G. W. Hout, Oklahoma State Penitentiary No. 6370, and re-
questing that the same be presented to Jess Doyle, Nebraska
State Penitentiary, for the purpose of determining whether
Hout is known to the members of the Barker-Karpis Gang.

On November 7th, 1935, at the Nebraska State Peni-
tentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska, Special Agent G. M. Wilson inter-
viewed Jess Doyle, who stated that he has never known or
heard of any person who resembled this photograph, or any
person by the name of G. W. Hout, G. W. Hart, Geo. Hart or
Geo. Gilbreath; that so far as he, Doyle, knows, no such
person was known to the Barkers or their associates; that
while he, Doyle, was in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary
from 1921 to 1926, no such person made his acquaintance
through any source.

Very truly yours,

JOHN L. RYAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 11, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: TOM BROWN
BILL CRUMBLEY
HARRY SAWYER

Reference is made to your request that all information obtainable against Tom Brown, Bill Crumbley and Harry Sawyer be immediately secured. The proper offices have been requested to conduct pertinent investigation in this matter.

The St. Paul Office, after interviewing Bryan Bolton, reports that Bolton learned through Fred Goetz, alias George Zeigler, that Tom Brown was to receive \$5,000 of the ransom money. Bolton informed that he had never heard of Tom Brown and did not question Zeigler when the latter stated that \$5,000 of the ransom money had been set aside for Tom Brown. Bolton alleged that he did not know the purpose of this payment and that this is the only information he has relating to Tom Brown or any member of the St. Paul Police Department having been involved in the kidnaping.

The Oklahoma City Office has interviewed Pat Reilly, former Dillinger gangster, presently incarcerated in the United States Southwestern Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma. You will recall that Edna Murray alleged that Pat Reilly came to the apartment occupied by Edna Murray and Volney Davis on the day following the Bremer kidnaping, advising that Harry Sawyer wished to see Volney Davis at Sawyer's farm. Reilly has denied that he ever visited the Davis apartment for this purpose. It is noted, however, that he is very friendly with Harry Sawyer and advised that he would not tell anything about Sawyer that would cause Sawyer any embarrassment or trouble. He has also declared that he would furnish no information concerning Sawyer, Brown or Crumbley, even if he were in a position to furnish information. He advised that all the inducements in the world could not interest him in going to St. Paul for the purpose of testifying against anyone in this case.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Keith
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Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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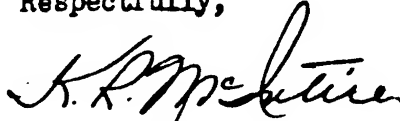
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Despite his apparent attitude of unwillingness to cooperate in the above mentioned matter, Reilly has advised that as soon as he is released he will make every effort to put Alvin Karpis on the spot. This he believes he will be able to do because he feels that Karpis will get in touch with him. He is antagonistic toward Karpis because he feels it was a result of Karpis' activities that caused Dolores Delaney to be sent to the penitentiary for five years.

It is expected that further reports will be received in the above entitled subject-matter from various field offices in the immediate future, and you will be immediately advised of the information contained therein.

Respectfully,



K. R. McIntire.



Cleveland Ohio Nov 11th 35.

Mr Hoover

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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I am sending you the number of an Illinois license plate I have on two different cars next door. On the 26th of October this plate Illinois 353687 was on a new maroon colored car parked in their drive. On October the 31st I was just going out when a new tan sedan stopped in front of their house. It had the same license on it. There were two men in it who answered the description of the first two men on this mail robber list I am enclosing. Stapeman was just driving out as they stopped. He got out of his car and went over to talk to them. He evidently had an appointment to meet them some place and was late getting started because the older man said to him "why in the hell don't you get up in the morning." I went on up the street and Stapeman's car passed me and the little fellow was in his car. There is a strange coupe parked in their garage since Saturday. I haven't been able to get the license. I would up be a bit surprised if it was Harry Stapeman.

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said Mrs. Wapman say last summer that
Harry was coming back in November. His wife
died last summer. I know that E. Wapman
ran around with Harpie last summer, ^{a few yrs. ago.} because
I saw Harpie over there shortly after the
apartment that he and Barker had ^{in Cleveland} was raided.
Barker was by here one day shortly after that raid,
in his shirt sleeves and no hat. so I imagine he
was staying over there too.

I believe that the lady that Mrs. Wapman
introduced me to in 1932 at the time that
Hauptmann was over here was Mrs. Hauptmann
not Mrs. Shultz of Buffalo.

Please do not answer this letter as we
share our mail box with the family up stairs.
If you care to send an agent out I will be
glad to talk to him.

Sincerely
J. M. E. M.

Mrs. Wapman

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were given by: cases as follows:
NO. 1—Short, heavy-set, about 40
and of light complexion; wore a
brown overcoat and dark hat.
NO. 2—About 25; weight, 135
height, five feet five inches;
complexion; wore a reddish
hat and overcoat.
NO. 3—About 50 to 55; 165 pounds;
five feet five inches; gray hair; wore
black silk handkerchief over upper
part of face.
NO. 4—Tall and medium build;
wore white handkerchief over lower
part of face and dark glasses; wore
gray suit and topcoat and gray
hat.
NO. 5—About 45; medium height;
50 pounds.
NO. 6—Tall; wore gray suit.

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November 18, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. M. E. Morse,
1445 West 99th Street, Cleveland, Ohio dated November 11, 1935 in
which she advises that she has observed two automobiles in the
vicinity of her home, both of which have at different times borne
the same license number, to wit: Illinois license No. 353-687.

In her letter she explains that there are several suspicious
circumstances surrounding the activities of the men who appear to be
interested in these cars. She indicates that one E. Napeman associated
with Karpis during the summer of 1934 in Cleveland, Ohio. She also
states that she observed one of the Barker brothers on the streets
of Cleveland.

In keeping with the last paragraph of her letter, the com-
munication of Mrs. Morse is not being answered by the Bureau, but it
is requested that the Cleveland office immediately arrange to have an
Agent interview her for pertinent information. The Chicago office is
also directed to immediately ascertain the identity of the person to
whom the above mentioned license plates were issued.

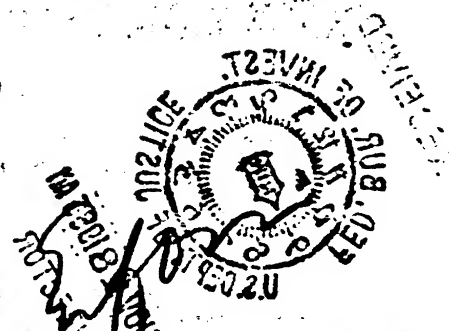
Photostatic copies of Mrs. Morse's letter are being forwarded
herewith to the Cleveland office and to the offices listed below.

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St. Paul
Cincinnati

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Mrs. Morse dated 11/11/35 to all



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November 13, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. 1215, et al,
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 8, 1935, on page three of which it is noted that the case of Pat Reilly was expected to come up for a parole hearing during the week of November 4, 1935.

It is desired that you keep the Bureau advised of the results of any parole hearings that may be had with regard to Pat Reilly and inform the Bureau immediately if and when he is released on parole.

Very truly yours,

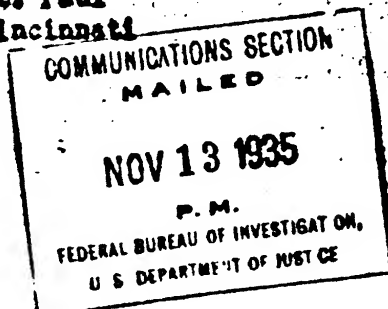
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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

AIR MAIL

November 12, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to reports of Special Agent Paul Hanson, Oklahoma City, dated 9/2/35, page 3 and 11/2/35, page 3, concerning information furnished by [redacted] Oklahoma, regarding Milton Letts, who, it is believed, is now residing in Wichita, Kansas, probably living with his sister, whose name is not known. b7c b7d

It is further noted that Milton Letts is supposed to be working with a brother or brother-in-law and employed by some second hand furniture store as a repair man or upholsterer. Concerning Milton Letts, it is fairly certain that this boy arranged with Harry Campbell to meet Wynona Burdette at Ponca City during the fall of 1934 when Campbell took the Burdette girl to Florida.

Reports of reference further indicate it was the Letts boy who accompanied Harry Campbell and possibly Alvin Karpis to the home of Mildred Jones near Turley, Oklahoma, in April of this year and left \$50.00 with Mark Whinnery.

It will be noted that Milton Letts formerly resided with his mother on Route #2, Wann, Oklahoma. [redacted] The Oklahoma City Office should immediately place a mail cover on [redacted] mail received by the Letts' family. [redacted] It is highly possible that Campbell's contact in this vicinity [redacted] Milton Letts.

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Further reference is made to letter from the Detroit Office to the Bureau, copy of which was sent to the Oklahoma City Office, relative to the information overheard by Special Agent A. A. Muzzey of the Detroit Office on the occasion of his visit [redacted]

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by Mrs. R. D. Wilson with her sister, Wynona Burdette, at the U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, on October 24, 1935. Page 4 of this letter records a part of the information overheard by Agent Massey wherein Mrs. Wilson advised Wynona that Harry Campbell had visited his mother twice since Wynona had been incarcerated at Milan. Wynona seemed to indicate that she knew this. Since a copy of this letter was not furnished the Kansas City Office, a copy of same is being attached to copies of the instant letter for the Kansas City Office for their information.

The Kansas City Office is requested to immediately conduct an investigation at Wichita, Kansas and attempt to determine the present address of Milton Letts, the address and nature of his employment and any other information regarding his residence at Wichita which will be valuable in interviewing him at a later date for the purpose of attempting to secure his services as a confidential informant.

In view of the information contained in the reference letter from the Detroit Office dated November 6, 1935, it appears probable that Campbell is in touch with members of his family and may be communicating with them through Milton Letts.

The Oklahoma City Office is requested to advise, at this time, whether an interview with Letts will seriously interfere with the cooperation being given by [redacted] Oklahoma. It is believed that Milton Letts can be induced to become an informant and valuable information can be obtained from him. However, it is desired that as much information as possible be obtained concerning him in order that a decision may be reached as to the possibility of his becoming such an informant before he is actually contacted.

It is requested that the Oklahoma City and Kansas City Offices give this matter careful consideration and attention.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
Nov. 12, 1935.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Dear Sir:

NOV 21 1935

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE, ET AL.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to my letter of the 6th instant concerning an interview had with Mrs. Anna Anderson, sister-in-law of BELLE BORN.

At the conclusion of the interview referred to above, it was agreed by Mrs. Anderson that upon returning from Mankato, Minnesota on November 7th she would communicate with this office and furnish any additional information that she would be able to obtain at Mankato.

She failed to notify this office upon her return, but inquiry developed that she had returned from Mankato, and efforts to arrange an interview with her were unsuccessful until the evening of November 11th, when she was interviewed at her home at 253 Central Avenue by Special Agent J. E. Brennan, at which time she stated that she had been unable to secure any information whatsoever at Mankato as her son Francis had left Mankato the morning which she arrived there, and accordingly she did not see him.

She further stated that she had never heard of CHARLES WHITE reported to be an adopted son of Belle Born, nor had she ever heard of Belle Born having an adopted son or otherwise. She stated that she had obtained some of her property while in Mankato and this had caused some further trouble with her husband, Ole Anderson. This was confirmed by telephone tap which is being maintained on the telephone of Belle Born, the log of which revealed

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that Ole Anderson telephone Belle Born and related that his wife had obtained some property during his absence and endeavored to interest an attorney in suing his wife for the return of this property, but the attorney advised that the amount involved would not be worth the cost of such a suit.

Mrs. Anderson seemed to be somewhat reluctant to discuss the possibility of locating FITZGERALD through Belle Born and finally stated that her son Leon who lives in north Mankato had informed her that Belle Born had stated to Leon that Belle Born had ascertained that Mrs. Anderson had been talking to some "G" men, and that she, Belle, had been tipped off about it. Mrs. Anderson expressed great concern over this and was of course assured that no such information had been given out by this Bureau. However, at the time of the interview she seemed to think she would be better off if she would abandon any further attempt to procure any information, stating that she feared that Belle Born would kill her.

Mrs. Anderson will be again interviewed within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen
H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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R.J. Connelley, Chicago.

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim -
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 12, 1935,
in which it is shown that Belle Born has ascertained Mrs. Anna
Anderson has been talking to some "G" man.

It is my desire that you immediately ascertain whether
Belle Born has been apprised of the activities of Special Agents
in her surveillance as a result of any indiscretions on the part
of such Special Agents. The Bureau does not desire that the
position of Mrs. Anderson be unnecessarily jeopardized as a
result of the conduct of Bureau Agents.

Please inform the Bureau with regard to this matter at a
very early date.

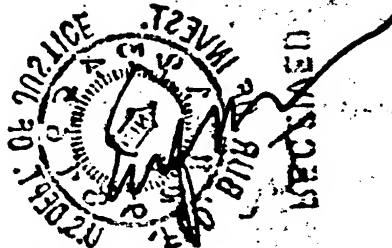
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

AIR MAIL

November 12, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 7/27/35, wherein it is stated that three members of the former Licavoli gang of Toledo, Ohio, Russell Syracuse, Ernest Joseph LaSalla and John Mirabella may be presently connected with fugitives Karpis and Campbell.

It will be noted from recent news articles that a mail train was recently held up and robbed at Garrettsville, Ohio, in which more than \$40,000.00 in money was taken. This robbery was apparently well planned and executed and the participants were armed with at least one machine gun. Due to information already developed that members of this gang had frequented both Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, in the past, and due to the strong possibility that fugitives Karpis and Campbell have both been in hiding at Toledo, Ohio and vicinity in recent months, it is suggested that the photographs of Campbell and Karpis, and Syracuse, LaSalla, Mirabella, together with several other photographs, be shown the witnesses to this mail train robbery in an effort to determine if any of the above named can be identified as participating in this robbery.

It is suggested that the names appearing on such photographs submitted, be eliminated when this investigation is conducted.

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It is requested that this inquiry be made as expeditiously as possible.

Very truly yours,

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 11, 1935.

Time - 10:07 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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well
Special Agent in Charge Brantley telephoned me from the Oklahoma City Office with reference to the attached teletype from Mr. Connelley at Chicago in the above entitled case, in which reference is made to a letter dated November 6, 1935, from the Detroit Office to the Bureau covering a conversation which Mrs. R. D. Wilson had with Wynona Burdette, and which was overheard. This teletype states that the Oklahoma City office apparently has failed to bring to the attention of Mr. Connelley, the Chicago Office and the Bureau the fact that Harry Campbell was thought to have been down in that vicinity, and states that the Oklahoma City Office should advise setup and contacts now arranged on the relatives in that district.

Chas. G. Payne
Mr. Brantley said that the Oklahoma City Office has brought this information to the attention of the Chicago Office and of the Bureau. He said that "I don't want to get into a controversy with Mr. Connelley or the Bureau or anybody else, but they apparently haven't read the reports, or haven't received them". Mr. Brantley reminded that for about ten days some time ago, he had a number of his Agents covering the house of the sister of Wynona Burdette in that district when they had a rumor to the effect that Harry Campbell was going to visit her.

Mr. Brantley said that he would forward to the Bureau at once a letter in detail showing that the Oklahoma City Office has not neglected the investigation of this case. He said that there are two or three things mentioned in the teletype from Mr. Connelley which are physical impossibilities; that is, cover the houses of the sisters of Wynona Burdette. He said that they reside in a very small community, and the only thing they could do is to put an Agent out in the middle of the street; that, therefore, they will have to depend on informants in this regard. He said that they have been diligently working on this case, and "Connelley is not the only person working on the case". All of this Mr. Brantley said would be covered in his letter, mentioned above.

Respectfully,

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REPORT MADE AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA	DATE WHEN MADE 11/12/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/8,9/35	REPORT MADE BY JOHN A. DOWD
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1213; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER VICTIM
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information received to effect an unknown person, at Sioux City, Iowa, was in possession of \$3,000.00 of the ransom money paid by the Victim and that it was being circulated by being given to John Dillon, who conducts the "Red Front", a bootlegging place. Information could not be developed, tending to confirm the report.

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DETAILS:

On the late afternoon of November 9, 1935, Frank Wheelock, Captain of Detectives, Sioux City, Iowa Department of Police, telephoned the Omaha Bureau Office to the effect that he had received information that an unknown person, living with one John Dillon at Sioux City, Iowa, was said to be in possession of \$3,000.00 of the ransom money paid by the Victim in this case, and that it was being placed in circulation by Dillon, from time to time, as he received it from this unknown man; that Dillon operates "The Red Front", a bootlegging place at 1409 Dace Street and resided at 1410 Dace Street, Sioux City, Iowa; that the modus operandi used in circulating the money is reported to be that the unknown man turned over to Dillon, from time to time, some of the ransom money, whereupon Dillon placed it in his cash register and handed it out in change for other money or disposed of it in gambling enterprises.

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The information is said to have come to Captain Wheelock through Detectives C. Bledsoe and E. F. Smith, who in turn are said to have received it from an officer of the Sioux City Police Department, now under suspension, name not given, who in turn received it from an informant, whose name Bledsoe and Smith did not wish to disclose.

Special Agents Kenneth Logan and J. L. Flood of the Omaha Bureau Office were immediately dispatched to Sioux City, Iowa to conduct an investigation. Upon arrival there, they were placed in touch with Detectives Claude Bledsoe and E. F. Smith, by Captain Wheelock. Agents learned from Detectives Bledsoe and Smith that during the last few days, Officer J. F. Diebert, of the Sioux City Police Department, came to them and told them that a friend of his had told him, that a man living at the home of John Dillon, 1410 Dace Street, Sioux City, Iowa, had in his possession about \$3,000.00 of the ransom money paid by the victim in this case, which money was being given out to customers as change at the beer tavern, known as "The Red Front", owned and operated by John Dillon at 1409 Dace Street; that Dillon is an ex-convict and is known to be tight-mouthed about giving information.

Agents learned that J. F. Diebert was suspended from duty as a police officer in April, 1935, because he was indicted by the State Grand Jury at Sioux City, Iowa, which indictment charged him with taking graft from bootleggers at Sioux City, Iowa. He is at present awaiting trial. He was formerly on the raiding squad of the Police Department and is familiar with conditions at Sioux City, Iowa.

Accompanied by Detectives Bledsoe and Smith, Special Agents Logan and Flood called at the home of J. F. Diebert and found him to be rather reluctant to discuss the matter. He stated, under no circumstances, would he divulge the name of his informant, whom, he stated, was not an underworld character and whom, he stated, he did not want to get into any trouble. Diebert related information practically identical with that furnished the Omaha Office by Captain Wheelock and in addition stated that his informant is a reliable man and he, Diebert, believes the information about the ransom money is the truth. Mr. Diebert stated that naturally his friend must have received the information from some underworld character, who was a friend of Dillon, or possibly a friend of the unknown man who has the \$3,000.00 ransom money.

Agents and the officers prevailed upon Diebert to again contact his informant and ask his friend if it would be all right for Agents to interview him, the informant, and that his identity would be held in strict confidence; that if this was not agreeable to Diebert's

friend, it was suggested that the informant find out, more in detail concerning the ransom money and its location, and any other information relating thereto, including the name of the person who first brought the information to the attention of Diebert's informant.

Special Agent K. Logan telephoned Diebert later and he stated his informant, who was supposed to report for work at 4:00 P.M. each day, failed to report to his place of employment on November 9th, and that he, Diebert, did not know where his informant lived, so would be unable to see him until November 11, 1935. Diebert promised to see his informant at that time and secure any additional information and furnish it to this Bureau office.

Special Agent Flood contacted informants of this Bureau Office at Sioux City, Iowa, considered reliable, and gave the informants a Twenty-dollar Bill with instructions to purchase drinks at Dillon's place of business and return the change secured to Agent Flood, for examination and comparison with the serial numbers of the ransom money paid by the Victim in this case. The informants made the purchases and returned with Five-dollar Bills. These bills were checked with the serial numbers appearing on the ransom list and not any of the bills received in change corresponded with any of the numbers on the ransom list. The tender of Twenty-dollar Bills at Dillon's place was not thought to be lacking in tact for the reason that Friday, November 8th, the day on which the bills were present, was payday at the Stockyards and Dillon's place of business is in that neighborhood and bills of that denomination are presented at Dillon's place of business in exchange for drinks.

Through a confidential informant of Special Agent K. Logan, Agent Logan learned that a man, known as "Strings", who is about 30 years of age, six feet one inch tall, has been hanging around Dillon's place and is supposed to be a gambler; that "Strings" is supposed to have made a "killing" at shooting craps, but that all his money has been spent.

It was not deemed advisable to effect a Federal Search Warrant in this matter, because it was not felt that sufficient evidence was available, which would warrant the issuance of same. Likewise, it was not deemed advisable to have a State Search Warrant issued, because it was felt that information might reach the newspapers at Sioux City, Iowa.

It is not believed the information is reliable and it was probably advanced by Diebert, the suspended officer, to his superiors

so that he could impress them with the fact he was being helpful to the Department, notwithstanding the fact he is under suspension.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OMAHA BUREAU OFFICE: At Sioux City, Iowa - in the near future, Officer Diebert will again be contacted for any information he has developed in this matter.

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